

Winning hearts for Christ 1 – The importance of the heart

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The sin of the heart

Genesis 3:6

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

The nature of sin

Ezekiel 10-14

Sin is relational

The heart of the problem

Zechariah 7:8-12

The importance of the heart

So do we give up on the heart?

But the reason is simply justifying the desires of the heart

But the issue is love, not behaviour

Life is relational, not rational

Salvation is relational, not rational

Following Christ is all about love

True Religion consists in great part in Holy Affections

Jonathan Edwards, *The Religious Affections*

Questions

Discussion

If our lives are motivated and determined by our hearts, and not by our minds or our wills, it will change how we approach the Christian life.

If it was up to our minds and wills to pray and read the Bible, how would you encourage yourself to do this?

Given that it depends on our hearts, how should you encourage yourself to pray and read the Bible?