

January 26, 2020
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
Worship Service: 9am
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Proverbs 4:23

Getting to the Heart of Behavior

every generation

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Above all else,
guard your heart,
for it is the wellspring
of life.

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Activities of the Heart

Think	Hate	Love God
Remember	Lust	Faithful
Know	Love	Upright
Discern	Give	Deceive
Store things	Turn away/to	Set up idols
See	Pray	Become hard
Meditate	Rejoice	Seek God
Fear	Become proud	Repent
Grieve	Sing	Believe

Receive the grace of the New Covenant

Implications for Understanding Behavior

1. The activities of heart drive behavior.
 2. Great areas in which to develop questions for kids.
 3. Good Bible study for family.
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Major Old Testament Thread of Truth

1 Samuel 16:7

Deuteronomy 10:12

1 Chronicles 28:9

Proverbs 3:5-6

2 Chronicles 16:9

1 Kings 8:57-58



Matt 15:17-20

Mark 7:20-23

Luke 6:43-45



Behavior

(say and do)

Behaviorism Evaluated

1. Real need is not addressed
2. False basis for ethics
3. The heart is wrongly trained
4. The gospel will not be central
5. Shows our idols of heart
control pride ease
convenience fear of man

Where to Go with This

Bible reveals heart Hebrews 4:12

Shows where the action is James

4:1

Help your kids understand the heart

Psalms 139:22-24 Psalm 26:2

Ungodly Attitudes

vengeance

fear of man

pride

love of self

self-preservation

fear

covetousness

envy

hatred

anger

bitterness

approval

anxiety & fear

rebellion

Godly Attitudes

entrusting to God

fear of God

humility

love for others

laying down life

perfect love

generosity

good of others

love

peace-making

forgiveness

God's approval

peace & contentment

submission

Profound need for grace
Key text: Ezekiel 36:25-27

- We need cleansing
 - We need to have our idols removed
 - We need heart transplant
 - Replacing stone with flesh
 - We need empowerment by Spirit
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Getting to the Heart of Behavior

How does thinking of the heart as the well-spring of life and not just the emotions broaden your understanding of the heart?

What questions could you ask of your children to help them understand their hearts?

Can you think of ways you are tempted to hang apples on the tree?

In what ways does depending on behaviorism keep us from depending on the gospel?

What are some of the idols of the heart that motivate you in relationship to your children?
