The Human Heart

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Scripturally, poetically, and cardiologically, the human heart is a part of God's creation of the human being, which has been the object of man's interest since the era of Genesis in God's Word. We read of integrity of the heart in Genesis 20, which certainly is a characteristic of one's heart that everyone should desire. A person with integrity of his heart is surely to be a most desirable individual in our society today, as it was in the beginning.

In Exodus, we learn of the hardening of one's heart, which was the pathologic state of Pharaoh concerning the Children of Israel. Do we not see this heart problem today in all kinds of personal and even international disputes? One could not murder a person, even in Iraq, without hardness of heart. How can a physician destroy a human life in the womb through abortion?

Also in Exodus, we read of a willing heart and wisdom of one's heart. The heart can become obstinate as described in Deuteronomy 2:30. In Deuteronomy we hear of "seeking God with all of our heart". We are instructed to "lay up God's words in our heart". In Chronicles we are told to "serve God with a perfect heart".

We can purify our heart by faith and we are informed that we can take Jesus Christ to dwell in our hearts. (Acts 15:19, Ephesians 3:17)

In meditating on these verses and many more, I was thinking about how we consider and treat our hearts. The loss of a loved one may very well "break our hearts" and heartbreak may last for many years. We know by experience that Jesus heals our broken heart. and He will give us a new heart spiritually.

Since the heart has chordae tendones (heart strings), we can also tune our hearts, harmonizing with God and with our loved ones in our daily lives.

So this Valentine's Day, consider your heart and the hearts of others. Treat your heart with love and joy, keeping it in tune. Ask Jesus to actually dwell in your heart and in the hearts of your loved ones. This is His Divine Cardiology.

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We are so glad you both were part of our lives. As we watched your lives through the years, we could see that you each were in the presence of someone who made your life more complete. You looked to each other for inspiration and encouragement. I know that you miss Jim, Nancy, but know that you continue to be in our prayers daily.

Your CMF Family

Jim went to be with the Lord on August 26, 2004
Ode To My Valentine

For 32 years my beloved husband and best friend, Stephen, enjoyed and appreciated the love and fellowship of our CMF family in Tampa. Today, January 16, 2007, I am here without him. Suddenly on July 30, 2005, he went to be with his heavenly Father.

I am so very grateful for the 39 precious years with the love of my life. I miss his day-to-day gentle, kind, patient, and wise love. I know that love never ends, God is faithful. Happy Valentine's Day, Steve. I love you.

Love Judy

My darling Kay has been in Heaven now one year and eight months. Our marriage was a most blessed one from it's beginning.

On a very cold and snowy day in December, I got off the plane in Bay City, Michigan. Al and Marion Felmlee had sent Kay to pick me up. I immediately saw Kay and Lyn waiting for me. Although I had known Kay before, it truly seemed that I was seeing her for the first time. I was actually seeing her not with just my eyes but this time with my heart.

We had a wonderful life that was filled with happy times and great accomplishments of God's vision, that physicians and nurses truly and deeply consider Jesus and His teachings in their practice of Medicine and Nursing.

Every day I dearly miss you Kay, but I look forward with joy to seeing you for eternity.

Love Bill

Dr. Reed and Kay

Dr. Steve and Judy King