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"Heart to Heart"

In the Bible the word "Heart' is mentioned 832 times. "Hearts," the plural of heart is mentioned 122 times. Added together we have a grand total of 954 times.

It's quite easy for most of us to do simple mathematical calculations i.e. addition, subtraction, et cetera. But can we really calculate the spiritual condition of our own heart?

Jesus wants us to have new hearts.

"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them an heart of flesh." Ezekiel 11:19

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9

God's Word lets us know, that we are all in need of a heart transplant. The reason God gives is very explicit, the heart is desperately wicked. If we will allow Him, the Lord will write His messages through His Word in our hearts and minds, but in our present condition it's virtually impossible.

During Noah's time, the Antediluvians had a similar problem.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of the heart,{mind} was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5

After we receive a new heart the Lord promises to do something with them. Notice the following scriptures and our Lord's covenant-promise to us.

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." Hebrews 8:10 Heart in the Hebrew dictionary, comes from the word; "Iabe" which means: feelings, will, intellect, mind, wisdom. In the Greek dictionary, heart is translated from the word "Kar-dia," which has the same definition as the Hebrew.

Those who will be sealed before Christ's return will receive God's seal in their foreheads/minds Rev. 7:3.

Therefore, we must allow Jesus to do the necessary surgery so that we can be saved ...

".That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.} Ezekiel 11:20

The Lord searches our heart to see the intent and content of our spiritual condition, that's why it's important, not to rely on our feelings or emotions only.

"I the Lord search the heart; I try the reigns, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings, {not feelings}." Jeremiah 17:10

"O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just; for the righteousness God trieth the hearts and reins." Psalms7:9

When is the last time that you had a heart to heart with our Lord and Savior? When is the last time we've examined ourselves through the Bible litmus test?

God's Word will reveal our true character.

"The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intent of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

Notice one of David's prayers recorded in the Bible that deals with a repentant heart:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

Psalms 51:10-12

Salvation is a very simple matter friend; either give your old heart totally to Jesus, and let Him replace it, so you can walk in His statutes, or keep your old heart, and serve Satan and walk in his statutes.