

## 7 Spiritual Heart Problems 7-21-13

The leading cause of death in the US is heart disease. A great deal of money and effort is invested in prevention or correction of this problem. The spiritual heart also suffers from disease; here are seven spiritual heart problems

Problem 1: A Blind Heart (Ignorance) - A blind heart refuses to see God's truth.

*Ephesians 4:18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;*

Problem 2: A Dull Heart (Apathy) - No longer motivated to grow in Christ

*Matthew 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'*

Problem 3: A Fat Heart (Pride) - Too satisfied with self-sufficiency

*Psalms 119:69-70 The proud have forged a lie against me, But I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease, but I delight in Your law.*

*James 5:5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.*

Problem 4: An Uncircumcised Heart (Rebellious) - The refusal to submit to God's will

*Acts 7:51 You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you*

Problem 5: A Wandering Heart (Spiritual Weakness) - Unsecured hearts prevent security in God

*Hebrews 3:10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'*

Problem 6: An Evil Heart (Turning from God) - A result of a lack of confidence in God

*Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God*

Problem 7: A Coveting Heart (Rejection) - This is a result of trained practice

*2 Peter 2:14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.*

There is a Bible Solution to Heart Problems: A Heart Transplant.

*Ezekiel 18:31 "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?*

*Ezekiel 36:25-26 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

It is accomplished when we turn from sin and turn to God. We have a word to describe this:

Repentance.

*Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*