

FROM THE HEART

May 23, 21 | Luke 6:43-45 | Pastor Michael Foster

Key points for the series

- We all have something in our ear!
 - What aims for your ear, aims for your heart!
 - If we're not hearing Jesus, it's not because He has a speaking problem but because we have a listening problem!
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"From The Heart"

- Your behavior reveals the condition of your heart (vv. 43-44)
- Your heart is the control center of your behavior (v. 45)
- Treasure Jesus above all in your heart!

How's your heart?
What fruit are you bearing?
What might your heart be treasuring?
Why is Jesus worth treasuring more?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Spend four weeks (6 chapters each week) reading the Gospel of Luke every day.
- Memorize Luke 6:43-45. Meditate on Proverbs 4:23, James 4:1-2.
- Read *The Dynamic Heart in Daily Life* by Jeremy Pierre
- Read *Idols of the Heart* by Elyse Fitzpatrick

- Read "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection" sermon by Thomas Chalmers - <https://www.preceptaustin.org/expulsive-power-of-a-new-affection#ep>
- Read this brief article on the heart - <https://counselingoneanother.com/2019/05/08/how-does-a-biblical-understanding-of-the-heart-help-our-relationships/>
- Listen to "Christ be Magnified" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kt_68ZI-ncg
- Listen to "Nothing Else" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BhTAJ49MQO

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, summarize what Jesus is teaching in Luke 6:43-45.
3. How would you describe the difference between "behavior modification" and "heart change"?
4. Describe one way that Jesus has changed you. How has that change taken place?
5. Describe a way in which you would like for Jesus to change you still.
6. Practically speaking, how do we treasure Jesus more? What does that look like? How does that happen?
7. Read Psalm 103. What reasons do you see in this Psalm to treasure the Lord?
8. Read 1 John 2:15-17. Consider some of the things we crave in this world – security, acceptance, autonomy, control, productivity, affirmation – all of these are good things that can become idols. Which of these have the greatest potential to rule in your heart? How can you protect your heart from turning this into an idol?
9. Read Ezekiel 36:25-26. Has Jesus given you a new heart? How do you know? When did it happen?
10. Spend some time praying for one another to grow in your love for Christ in your hearts!