

## . Have you checked your heart lately?

Jesus spoke to people in the terms and illustrations of the day that the common people would understand. We call them parables. To the farmer He said the kingdom of God was like a seed. To the housewife He said it was like a woman who hid leaven in bread. To the Fishermen he said He would make them fishers of men. To the merchants He said the Kingdom was as a man who found a pearl of great price. Today Jesus might have used a different type of illustration for the modern world. He might have used an illustration of a computer: "The Kingdom of God is kind of like a computer ...."

The operating system (OS) and the application program. The OS makes the computer work and the application programs allows you to do something with the computer; like type a letter, do math functions, look at a picture, etc. The OS and the programs work together, if either is messed up it doesn't work right; it locks up, it fails to start, etc. The OS operates in the background and the typical user never really sees it and can't do much with it. The programs are what we work with every time you turn the computer on and use it.

Within the Christian there are also two fundamental things that must work together; the heart and the mind. The heart of the Christian is the OS. It is the underlying programming that makes the other stuff work properly. The mind is the application programming. It is what we work with every day. When the mind is renewed (reprogrammed), it functions in harmony with the heart and Christianity works in the life of the believer. Romans 12:1-2.

Salvation is the reprogramming of the heart, the OS

--II Cor 5:17 – "If any man be in Christ he is a NEW creature, old things are passed away and behold all things because new."

--I Sam 10:

Troubled Heart – John 14:1/27 Eternity

Divided Heart – Ps. 86:11 – Double minded desire - I want God, but I want the World; you can not serve two masters. Relates to Service

Hard Heart – Heb. 3 Hard = calloused. A calloused heart permits no feeling – pain or pleasure

Pure Heart – Ps 24:3-5/Matt. 5:8 – Motives – Blessed are the Pure in Heart for they shall see God.

Fixed Heart - Ps. 112:5-8/Ps. 57:7 - Trust in adversity – stable, established, secure, ready, prepared