

## In My Heart of Hearts...

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People are funny...in a peculiar sort of way.

The way we say things often tells more than what we say. You have undoubtedly heard someone use the expression, "In my heart of hearts...." Then the person goes on to explain a deep truth.

It has been my observation that 'some' folks lie. Their mouths tell one story but their lives tell another. Someone claims, "In my heart of hearts...," and then a serious and deeply personal statement follows. Yet, it does not match up with the way they are living.

I think it is good from time to time to stop and look within and evaluate our hearts. What is truly important. Is it money? Is it material possessions? Is it position in an organization? Is it entertainment? Is it family? Is it spiritual things?

I don't think you have to pause long to make an evaluation; just listen to the way you speak and then look at your actions. How do they compare? What story do they tell? The things in your heart come out of your mouth. Your general behavior, public and private, exposes your heart. What do you see?

All of this has led me to believe that for some folks *'in my heart of hearts'* is genuine. Yet, for others it is more of a *wish*. It is a statement that really translates to:

"When I stop and think about things, this is what I see as really important. I do not live that way right now, but I sure *wish* I did. It is a noble goal, an ideal."

Here is a simple thought: Would you pray for the thing that is *in your heart of hearts*? Would you ask of God that he grant you that desire, even if it is not really the way things are at the moment?

A wise man wrote in just such a way. It was like a prayer to God and I think it was a desire that was deep on his heart.

**Give me neither poverty nor riches;  
but give me only my daily bread.  
Otherwise, I may have too much and  
disown you and say,  
"Who is the Lord?"  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
And so dishonor the name of my God.**  
--Proverbs 30:8-9

It is easy to read this prayer and understand the rich wisdom of such a request...an ideal. Yet, when you look at your career, your house, your cars, your clothes, your food, your belongings, could you make that request to God in prayer with complete honesty?

Read the verses again. *When you stop and think about it*, could you pray: *In my heart of hearts...*