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## THE HEART OF THE MATTER IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

### MATTHEW 15

<sup>18</sup> “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

### LUKE 6

<sup>43</sup> “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

### PSALM 19

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

### PSALM 49

<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.

### PROVERBS 15

<sup>28</sup> The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

### PROVERBS 16

<sup>23</sup> The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

## ECCLESIASTES 5

<sup>2</sup> Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few.

## IS THIS REALLY JUST ABOUT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION?

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## WHERE IS THE GOSPEL IN ALL THIS HEART AND MOUTH STUFF?

**ROMANS 10** <sup>4</sup> For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) <sup>7</sup> or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup> For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”