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From the Pastor's Desk...

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters,
since you know that you will receive
an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.**

It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

– Colossians 3:23-24

It is a timely reminder in the midst of all that has transpired over the last few months, that we do everything in light of who God is. While we may have become more focused on self-preservation amidst the “quarantine” and “social distancing” over the past few months, we need to be vigilant in examining our actions and attitudes as we engage with the world around us.

This is possible only if our heart is in the right place with God first.

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| - are you frustrated with situations | – check your heart first |
| - are you depressed due to circumstances | – check your heart first |
| - are there people that are just getting on your nerves | – check your heart first |
| - are you worried about what tomorrow may bring | – check your heart first |

Three key heart checks:

How is your trust level? Do you have faith in God and do you trust in His promises?

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

- Reaffirm your reliance upon God by telling Him you trust in Him
- Rely on God's sovereignty over all things, and over you

1) Are you clean/holy before God?

Psalm 51:10 – “Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me”

- we need to check our hearts and see if there are any barriers between ourselves and God.

- He has made the way to set us right again before Him through Jesus Christ

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Pray as David prayed – Psalm 139:23-24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
and see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

- Resolve to have a clean heart before God

- Take time right now and ask God to search your heart

– as He reveals things deal with them in prayer before Him

2) How do you view the world around you? How do you see people?

- Don't just live for life right now, live for eternity.

- Remember that the people around you are on a journey through life just
as you are, but it is only with Jesus that we know the true way

John 14:6 – “I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father
except through me.”

Philippians 2:3-4 – “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility
Count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you
Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of
others.”

Having our heart in the right place before God,

we have a blessed opportunity in these days to share the message of hope that we have in
Jesus Christ.

Remember that all you do is unto God. He is the one you are called to serve.

So...

Live for Him.

To quote a little green guy from Star Wars:

“Do or Do Not... There is no Try!!”