

## Outline Notes and Quotes

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Title: Engaging Our Heart In Sanctification

Text: Colossians 3:1-17

Main Idea: Watching over our heart is closely connected to how we know Christ, and think about and act upon the Gospel.

1. Hope in God (v. 1-4)

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

a. Our hope must have boundaries.

“Many of our problems come from attaching our hopes to things that were not made to bear them.” – Mark Dever

1 John 4:18a

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

“Many times our inability to forgive is connected to the fact that someone took away something we feel like we can’t be happy without. There is nothing wrong with regretting, deeply, the loss of any of those things. When you cannot forgive someone, however, it is usually because they took something from you that you depended on for life, happiness, and security. They stole something from you that you think can never be replaced, and you cannot stop hating them for it.” – J. D. Greear

“Jesus is better than any earthly pleasure. God is the fountain of all pleasure. Earthly pleasures, C. S. Lewis famously said, are supposed to function like rays of the sun that direct us back to their source. As the ray warms our face, we look back up along the ray to its source. Marriage, sex, money, children, friends, good food are all shadows and reflections of true goodness. For a while, some “cloud” may obstruct a ray from hitting our face. We might remain single when we’d like to married. We might be poor when we’d like to be rich. Death may take one of our children. The rays of the sun will at times be shielded from our eyes, but the sun itself remains.” – J. D. Greear

b. Our hope must be in who we are and what we're becoming in Christ because of the gospel.

c. Our hope must have an eternal perspective.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

2. Fight Sin (v. 5-9)

a. Sin is deceptive.

Psalm 16:1-2

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

b. Sin is divisive.

c. Sin is destructive.

Romans 8:6

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Psalm 42:9-11

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a deadly wound within my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

3. Live Redemptively.

Romans 8:28-29

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Galatians 6:1-5

*Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.*

If my attitude be one of fear, not faith, about one who has disappointed me, If I say, "Just what I expected," if a fall occurs, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I'm afraid to speak the truth, lest I lose affection, or lest the one concerned should say, "You do not understand," or because I fear to lose my reputation for kindness, if I put my own good name before the other's highest good, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I do not give a friend "the benefit of the doubt," but put the worst construction instead of the best on what is said or done, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I take offense easily; if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I feel bitterly towards those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself they would condemn me much more, than I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I say, "Yes, I forgive, but I cannot forget," as though the God, who twice a day washes all the sands on all the shores of all the world, could not wash such memories from my mind, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If the praise of man elates me and his blame depresses me; if I cannot rest under misunderstanding without defending myself; if I love to be loved more than to love, to be served more than to serve, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

That which I know not, teach Thou me, O lord, my God

– Amy Carmichael