

The Heart of Marriage

Galatians 5:13-26

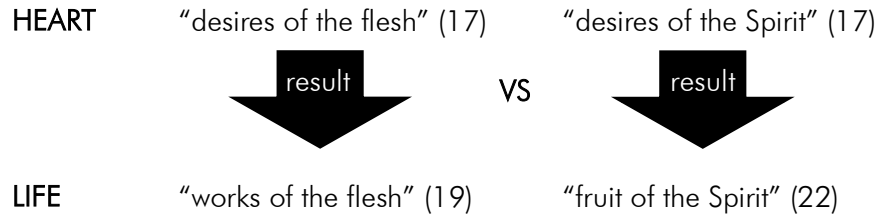
“The big battles in marriage are the ones being fought in your heart.”

Paul Tripp

Condition of the Heart

1. _____ – “opportunity for the flesh”
2. _____ – “through love serve”

Actions of the Life



Conclusion: Self-centered _____ begin with a self-centered _____.

“But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”

Matthew 15:18-19

Heart of Marriage

Marriage is the _____ of the dream of personal validation with God’s call to become a _____.

Collision Course

1. When you hear talk of selfishness in marriage, your first and primary thought is _____.
2. You excuse works of the flesh, or you blame your spouse for them.
3. Your wants, needs and feelings are the _____ of your relationship to your spouse.

Course Correction

Healthy marriage...

1. Begins and ends in the heart
2. Requires _____
3. Results in fruit

“Love seeketh not itself to please,
Nor for itself hath any care,
But for another gives its ease,
And builds a Heaven in Hell’s despair.”

“Love seeketh only self to please,
To bind another to its delight,
Joys in another’s loss of ease,
And builds a Hell in Heaven’s despite.”

William Blake