

Daily Devotion For December 3, 2021

“Love the Lord your God with **all your heart**, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:36

Yesterday I shared that Helen Nakano’s daughter Susan suffered a massive heart attack. Helen’s other daughter Shari told me yesterday morning that the prognosis is not good and she asks for continued prayers not only for Susan but Helen and family as well.

Statistics tell us that each day in the United States someone has a heart attack every 40 seconds. Every year about 805,000 people suffer a heart attack and of these, 605,000 are first time heart attacks.

The human heart is very important to God. In Matthew 22:36-40, Jesus tells us that the heart is a condition of our love for him. He writes, “Love the Lord your God with **all your heart**, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Our Lord also wants us to make our hearts his home. A classic Christian book, written by a Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Robert Munger is entitled, “**My Heart Christ’s Home.**” He talks about each room in our homes as a place where we allow God to dwell. The Christmas story reminds us that on the night that Jesus was born there was no room for him in the Inn. During this season of Advent a good question to reflect upon is “is there room in my heart for Christ?”

**Thought For Today:** Have you given your heart to Christ? This advent, are you making room for Christ in your heart? At this moment, can you say that you love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength? If not, what needs to change?

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God that He wants to dwell in your heart through faith in Jesus Christ. Continue to lift Susan up in your prayers. Deo Volente.