

Daily Devotion For December 4, 2022

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9

Once again I am grateful for the thoughts and prayers of so many. Being in the hospital to have tests run on my heart made me think about what the bible says about the heart. The Great Commandment teaches that we are to "love the Lord our God with all our hearts." Before Jesus went to the cross he gave words of comfort to his disciples saying, "Let not your hearts be troubled." Jesus warned the Pharisees admonishing them "that they honored God with their lips but their hearts were far from him." And in the Old Testament the prophet Jeremiah wrote that "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can understand it."

As we prepare our "hearts" for Advent, how are you doing in relationship to these few verses?

Thought For Today: Are you loving God with ALL your heart? Is your heart troubled or does the Prince of Peace ease your troubles? Are you honoring God by what you say but your heart is far from him? Is your heart filled with sin and deceit that needs to be confessed?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray for today's church service and for Pastor Mark Hollingsworth who will bring today's message. Also for the Congregational Meeting to follow as we approve the 2023 budget and elect our new church officers and Pastor Nominating Committee. Deo Volente.