

already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). An unrighteous heart and evil desires makes us just as guilty as if we had committed a straightforward sin. It mattered not if we lacked the courage or opportunity to carry out the sin.

Proverbs 4:23 tells us that it is in the heart that a man is condemned or justified. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." David had sin in his heart even before he saw Bathsheba.

JUDGMENT IS A DELICATE PROCESS WHICH TEMPTS US TO BE SELF-RIGHTEOUS IN OUR SPIRIT. It can easily engulf us in pride and arrogance, causing us to:

1. believe we are better than someone else.
2. believe we are superior to someone else.
3. believe we are more righteous.
4. believe we will succeed, they will fail.
5. look at us and ignore them.
6. draw near to me and shun them.
7. build us up and put them down.

8. approve me and condemn him.

LISTEN AS THE WORD OF GOD TELLS US ABOUT THE DELICATE PROCESS OF JUDGMENT: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7:1,2). It is saying if you dish it out, you should get ready to get it back. "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged. Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned. (Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven)" (Luke 6:37). Again, the Scripture is telling us if you give it out with compassion, then you can expect it to return to you in a similar fashion. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). If you judge others dogmatically, then you can expect it to come back to you that way ... and maybe even worse. So, it is best for us to leave the delicate process up to God!

LET US LEAVE THE JUDGMENT OF MAN TO THE SOON COMING SAVIOR. Romans 2:16 says: "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." The judgment of God is

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