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life?

God knows how to open and
expose hearts.

Luke 2:34-35 *"Behold, this Child
is appointed for the fall and rise
of many in Israel, and for a sign to
be opposed — and a sword will
pierce even your own soul—to
the end that thoughts from many
hearts may be revealed."*

Jesus knew what was in the hearts of men.

John 2:24-25 *“But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.”*

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The heart reveals our priorities.

- 2 Corinthians 13:5 *“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?”*
- James 2:18 *“But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”*

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**John 3:19-20 "This is the judgment,
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world, and men loved the
darkness rather than the Light, for
their deeds were evil. For
everyone who does evil hates the
Light, and does not come to the
Light for fear that his deeds will
be exposed."**

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- When we do not have God's priorities we are miserable.
- Malachi 1:13 *“But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD.”*

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- The heart of the hypocrite pretends to love God, but really loves self.
- Matthew 6:2, 5 “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.... And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

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- Luke 13:14-16 “But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, ‘There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.’ Then the Lord answered him, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?’”

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Starting over and ordering our lives with God's priorities.

- Hebrews 2:1 *“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”*
- Two prime directives:
 - Thanksgiving
 - Service