



**Sermon Title: Living Heart First**

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Speaker: Pastor J.

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**Background Scripture: Psalms 119:1-3; 9-11**

**Jumpstart and Review:**

A Heart Focus is what God uses to grow His Church Spiritually.

- At some point, we chose PERCEPTION over PERFECTION.
- Not talking about blameless or w/out spot
- Perfection in the sense of being mature, complete; lacking nothing

James 1:4 (NRSV)

4 and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

Let's be real, PERCEPTION is easier to pull-off than PERFECTION!

PERCEPTION is "Slight of Hand"

PERFECTION is "Shift of Heart"

People who LIVE HEART FIRST are:

1. QUICK TO FORGIVE:
2. ABLE TO RECEIVE GODLY CORRECTION:
3. LIVING A SURRENDERED LIFE:

**QFC** (Questions For Consideration)

1. Read I Peter 5:2. Describe the motivation for service found in this passage. What might this look like when lived out in our church?

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2. Of the 3 characteristics of people who live Heart First, which one is the most difficult for you, and why? Which one is the most natural for you, and why?

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3. Living heart first means living with sustainable excellence. Read Philippians 4:8 and Mark 6:30-32. Describe what it means to live a passionately balanced life. What safeguards might we need to build into our lives to go the distance when serving the Lord?

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### Reflect-n-Recap

1. *This week's lesson was ...*
2. *The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
3. *Comments / Testimonial / Questions:*