

## Spiritual Angioplasty

Intro: Angioplasty is used to open clogged arteries to and from the heart. But what is it that clogs them in the first place? Fat or plaque build up on the interior walls of the arteries and the intervention of this procedure called angioplasty the results can be life threatening.

I would like to think about our spiritual heart or mind and see some of the things that clog up our spiritual thinking processes which can lead to serious spiritual heart trouble. Things that call to the intervention by a heart surgeon named Jesus.

**A. Pride** Romans 12:1-21 V 3 *Do not to think more highly of himself than you ought to think*

1. When pride plugs the arteries of our hearts, it causes us great problems with ourselves, our God, our families, and our friends.

2. **Thought:** The best remedy for conceit or to unplug our arteries from the plaque of pride, is to sit down and make a list of all the things you **don't** know.

**B. Feeling inferior** II Corinthians 5:14-21 V 17 *Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

1. This will plug up your spiritual arteries very quickly. Remember, you are a new person in Christ fresh off the shelf and of the finest quality. If you are not in Him, or if you are not sure you are, you and find out how to make sure at the end of these pages.

2. When it comes to feeling inferior, who are you feeling inferior to?? II Corinthians 10: 1-18 V 12 *We won't dare compare ourselves with those who think so much of themselves. But they are foolish to compare themselves with themselves.*

3. Feeling inferior will not clog up your arteries if you will get your eyes off other people and on to the person Jesus created you to be.

**C. Feeling accepted or rejected** Romans 8:1-17 V 15 *God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him our Father.*

1. What does feeling accepted by others do for you spiritually?

2. What does feeling rejected by others do for you spiritually?

### 3. What does knowing that God accepts you do for you?

Well are you in spiritual heart peril? There is hope. Once you find the reasons for the symptoms you can go to work on them. Will you work on your spiritual arteries this week? I hope so!

A final thought: If the arteries of your heart are plugged and you have never seen the heart doctor because you were not concerned, you can meet him today by reading and following the instructions in these final few lines.

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God.  
Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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