

## Spiritual Angioplasty

Intro: The doctor says the report shows that your heart is not working right. It is not getting the blood it needs to function properly. What's wrong?

Today, let's look at some things we need to clear out our spiritual arteries if we are to function properly or in other words have the right spiritual blood flow. First we need to clear out

### A. Rebellion I Sam. 15: 22,23

1. It plugged up Jonah's heart and resulted in a swimming lesson with a big fish.
2. It plugged up Saul's heart and resulted in a kingship lost. I Sam. 16:1
3. It plugged up Judas' heart and resulted in his death.
4. Is it plugging up your heart and if so, what is it resulting in? Jot down the ideas that come to mind
5. To open this clogged artery of rebellion simply try obedience. **Thought:** The cost of obedience is nothing compared with the cost of disobedience.

### B. Bitterness Heb. 12: 14-17 V 15 *Guard against turning back from the grace of God. Let no one become like a bitter plant that grows up and causes many troubles with its poison.*

1. What bitterness is. It is something distressing to the mind and brings about a harsh, cynical, intense animosity about a person or situation.
2. When the blood flow of grace and peace is clogged and disrupted by bitterness it affects the following,

Our **eyesight** - We see people as the enemy instead of victims of the enemy

Our **hands** - We refuse to help them

Our **tongues** - We don't pray for them, but talk about them.

Our **ears** - We couldn't hear if they revealed a change of heart about us in their speech.

3. How the angioplasty procedure works. It opens up the artery when we apply the principle of Lk. 6:31 to our lives. *"And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way."*

**C. Greed** Lk. 12:15 *"Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."*

1. Greed's creed is Self, self, self - money, money, money - things, things, things,

2. Greed's deeds: It breeds contempt for those who have less but are often more happy and it breeds dishonesty and deceit in order to get more and more.

3. Greed's needs: it cries **more**, more, **more**. Never enough

4. Greed's seed: is the seed of

**A. Discontentment** I Tim. 6:10 *For the love of money is a source of all kinds of evil. Some have been so eager to have it that they have wandered away from the faith and have broken their hearts with many sorrows.*

**B. Disassociation** from the needs of others. I Jn. 3:17-18 *But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.*

**C. Disagreements** James 4:2,3 *You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

A greedy man may not murder someone but they may well stab them as many times as they can get away with in order to get all they can.

**Thought:** Unbridled greed usually leads to dastardly deeds.

5. The results if angioplasty is not performed.

**A. It steals their very life blood:** Greedy people never really enjoy living and if they happen to be a greedy Chr., they will be doubly disappointed to get to heaven and find they didn't enjoy life here and also find they didn't send any building material ahead either.

**B. It leads to pride:** You can and usually become proud when you have more than you need and more than those around you who have less than enough.

Rebellion, bitterness, and greed are real strong artery plugs. Are they plugging up your spiritual arteries?

If they are, why not let the great Physician perform some spiritual angioplasty on you today? But before you can let him unplug the arteries you must let him have your heart.

If you have not done that you can do it today by following the instructions listed below

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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