

King of My Heart; Matthew 6:19-21

- I. Heart
 - a. We associate the heart with life
 - i. It pumps blood and oxygen to our bodies
 - ii. Without it, we would die
 - iii. Leviticus 17:11 (ESV) ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.
 - b. We make promises, swear oaths, pledge allegiance with it
 - c. We associate the heart with love and passion
 - i. We use heart symbols to express our love for one another
 - ii. "I love you with all of my heart"
 - d. Center of the emotions, wishes, desires ¹
 - i. "**Heart** as seat of physical, spiritual and mental life
 - ii. As the center and source of physical life
 - iii. As center and source of the whole inner life, w. its thinking, feeling, and volition" ²
 - iv. Matthew 5:8 (ESV) ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 - e. Where is your Heart?
- II. Passion
 - a. Passion defined
 - i. Intense, driving, or overmastering (*dominant*) feeling or conviction
 - ii. Ardent affection: love
 - iii. A strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object, or concept
 - iv. An object of desire or deep interest ³
 - v. Luke 22:41–44 (ESV) ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
 - vi. From the Latin word 'pati' which means 'to suffer' (compassion is 'to suffer with')
 - b. We all have a passion for something, it drives our choices
 - i. Our career choices, "If you are passionate about your job, you'll never work a day in your life"
 1. We work hard to learn our chosen profession

¹ William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 509.

² Ibid, 508.

³ Inc Merriam-Webster, [*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*](#). (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003).

2. We try to improve our understanding, knowledge, and abilities to accomplish our jobs
 3. It is easy to see when people are passionate about their profession by the quality of their work
 - ii. Our choice of hobbies
 1. We spend time, money, and effort
 2. "Everybody's "Working for the weekend" (1981, Loverboy)
 - a. This song made the "top 100 songs of the 80's" list
 - b. Saturday Night Live, Family Guy, the 5 O'clock Whistle radio program in the mid-1980's
 - c. It was used in movies; Zoolander, Herbie: Fully Loaded, Pixels
 3. This song resonated with people because it represented the passion we have for our hobbies
 - c. What is your Passion?
- III. King
- a. One who rules as possessor of the highest office in a political realm; one who possesses unusual or transcendent (being beyond comprehension) power ⁴
 - b. It goes far beyond a ruler with unlimited power
 - c. Acts 2:36 (ESV) ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."
 - i. One who is a master, one who owns
 - ii. Genesis 1:1–3 (ESV) ¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
 - iii. We claim the rights over the things we created (even intellectual property)
 - iv. Genesis 1:27 (ESV) ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
 - v. 1 Corinthians 6:20 (ESV) ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
 - d. Everyone reports to someone
 - i. I used to say this all the time in the Military
 - ii. It didn't matter how many stripes you had (or if you had brass on your collar), you reported to someone
 - iii. Even those who are "their own boss" are responsible to their customers
 - e. The quicker we understand that we are servants (slaves), the easier it is to choose our king
 - f. Who is your king?
- IV. King of My Heart
- a. The mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from
 - b. The shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life

⁴ William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 169.

- c. Mark 10:44–45 (ESV) ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”