

LESSON 20: GIVE YOUR HEART

Memory work

113.Q. What does the tenth commandment require of us?

*A. That not even the slightest thought or desire
contrary to any of God's commandments
should ever arise in our heart.*

*Rather, with all our heart
we should always hate all sin
and delight in all righteousness.*

114.Q. But can those converted to God keep these commandments perfectly?

*A. No.
In this life even the holiest
have only a small beginning of this obedience.
Nevertheless, they earnestly begin to live
according to all the commandments of God.*

115.Q. If in this life no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God have them preached so strictly?

*A. First,
To become more aware of our sins
And so seek forgiveness in Christ to be right with God
Second,
To strive to become better people
And so seek the gracious power of the Spirit to do right by God.*

Homework

1.(3) What is the difference between the 8th and 10th commandments?

2.(4) How does hearing the Ten Commandments each Sunday drive us to prayer?

3.(3) Some say the reading of the Ten Commandments each Sunday morning is so negative, so legalistic.

Why is it a good and proper practice? _____
