Stains on the Heart
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I. Introduction.
   B. There will be no peace till there is peace with God.
   C. Sin is no longer considered sin today.

II. Is there a stain on the altar of your conversion?
   A. The disciples never knew Judas was false.
   B. Many confessed Jesus but were not of Him. (Matthew 7)
   C. One is to make his election and calling sure.

III. Is there a stain on the altar of your call?

IV. Is there a stain on the altar of your devotional life?
   A. There is power in preaching from a right devotional life.
   B. You are not going to win souls without a systematic devotional life.
   C. There is no shortcut to power in the ministry because you do not get your power from yourself, but from God.

V. Is there a stain on the altar of your message?
   A. The foolish plan of God is far wiser than any other plan. (1 Corinthians 1:18)
   B. In the gospel there is a built in power that can change.
   C. There is no method outside the cross - there is power in it.

VI. Is there a stain on the altar of your social concern?
   A. There is no way to fulfill the command of our Lord without having a concern for the material and social needs of man.
   B. Jesus had a great social concern.

VII. Is there a stain on the altar of your evangelism?

VIII. Is there a stain on the altar of your relationship to your brothers?
A. The disciples were in one accord at Pentecost.

B. We are to love each other.

C. We are to serve each other.

D. We are to be gentle with each other.

E. We are to set the believers an example for one another.

F. We are to forgive one another. (Ephesians 4:32)

G. We are not to judge one another. (Romans 14:13, 14:4)

H. We are to be subject to one another.

I. We are to edify one another. (Romans 14:19)

J. We are to pray for one another.

IX. If God is speaking to you, recommit yourself to Him.

Application questions

1. Which stains do you find on the altar of your heart? Explain.

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2. What is the solution to these stains?

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3. Are you ready to recommit your life to God? Spend some time in prayer and share your experience with a trusted friend.

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