

## Side by Side: Chapter Two

- **Review and Introduction**

1. What are the central truths of the introduction and the first chapter of the book?
2. Consider again the diagram on page 18 and the first sentence of chapter two.
3. How do the four Scriptural images of the heart referenced by Welch reinforce the idea that the heart is our spiritual center?

- **Emotions Come from the Heart**

1. Do you agree that our emotions say more about us than do our circumstances? Explain.
2. How do our emotions identify what we really believe about God? Did anyone read note two on page 165?
3. Should Christians ever be anxious, ever be angry, ever be sad, ever be joyful?

- **Good Comes from the Heart**

1. Explain the statement, “There is good in every human being” in light of the teachings of total depravity and common grace.
2. What make a Christian’s good works “better” than those of an unbeliever?

- **Bad Comes from the Heart**

1. Do you agree that, “Most people are not consciously shaking their fist at God. Instead we are not thinking about him at all.”?
2. Evaluate this statement: “When we sin, it is against God, even if it does not feel that way.”

- **Spiritual Allegiance Comes from the Heart**

1. What does it mean to know God?
2. What prevents you from regularly recognizing that you are living coram deo?
3. Let us give specifics to Welch’s list of general things that prevent us from thinking about God throughout the day (bottom of page 29).

- **Concluding Question** - How do the four ways our hearts are busy relate to the major premise of the book?