

PREFACE

My dear Roman Catholic friends have a devotion to the “Sacred Heart” of Jesus. The idea itself is not a bad one. Jesus is Himself the Great and only True Apostle and the purposes of His heart should be of greatest concern to us. Our hearts certainly matter to Him. Did God not say that man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart? Therefore it behooves us to have a real concern for the heart attitude and condition of our leaders and ourselves. Our God is always looking. There is no place to hide!

Apostles are in vogue. Suddenly apostolic networks are springing up all over the earth. Much of this is the Holy Spirit’s doing. But as with any surge of God’s revelation and restoration of His government, there will be excesses of the flesh, misunderstanding by men, as well as efforts by Satan to intervene. Men have a way of getting some of what the Holy Spirit is saying and running with it. That is because we only see partially. None of us have it exactly right. God knows our frame. Thanks be to God that He is merciful. Though merciful, He really does expect us to be humble and teachable. If our hearts are right, the Lord will continue to lead and perfect us and consider us, like David, a man after His own heart.. As David said in Psalm 25, the Lord will teach us in the way.

This book endeavors to point out the heart that an apostle, or for that matter any Christian leader should have, the heart that God is searching for daily. God is looking constantly for a man or woman to stand in the gap for His people and His purposes. There are many other books that deal with apostolic strategy and leadership techniques, the application of apostolic doctrine to the church and the like. Many of them do this better than I probably could. But I haven’t seen any exhortations on the very core of the ministry, the heart. This is such an effort.

Please read on!