

## **BWIV Q4**

### *With All Your Heart* by A. Craig Troxel Discussion Questions

#### **Introduction**

1. Write a 5-8 sentence summary of the word heart biblically as presented by the author. Include misuse of the word heart, its unity, and complexity.

#### **Chapter 1**

1. Write a 5-8 sentence summary of the chapter. Include your understanding of the heart in relationship to the mind.

#### **Chapter 2**

1. Explain this statement, using information from the book, in 3-5 sentences.

“What the heart enjoys is what the heart will explore. The mind cannot function detached from desire and volition. Our reasoning is inseparably bound up with our affections and feelings, and it is ‘informed by the intuitions of the heart.’”

#### **Chapter 3**

1. Explain why the believer must not conform to the world’s way of thinking and must conform to God’s way of thinking.
2. List some ways the Christian is told to conform in Scripture. Use the references mentioned in the book in your answer.

#### **Chapter 4**

1. The author says, “There is supposed to be more gusto to life than many believers realize. It’s unfortunate that some Christians are taught or trained to believe that if the heart feels something intensely, then it must be wrong—even though that is the way God designed our hearts to function.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use Scripture in your answer.

#### **Chapter 5**

1. The author begins this chapter with a story about people who want to purchase a gaming system. He then asks the question, “Why would people go to such extreme lengths and aggression, greed, and violence? Answer this question and include Scripture in your answer.

2. How does the author say we arrive at the core of what we genuinely love? Does Jesus agree with the author's conclusion? Use Scripture to answer the second part of the question.

### **Chapter 6**

1. Explain the difference between modify behavior and moderate the heart. Which is biblical? Use Scripture in your answer. Give a specific example of each. Your example can be about a real situation or fiction.

### **Chapter 7**

1. The author says, "even the most passive people are exercising their will. They are just being quiet about it." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your answer using Scripture.
2. "Man's will in the state of sin is marked by servitude, not liberty." Explain this statement based on the text. Use Scripture in your explanation.

### **Chapter 8**

1. The author describes the heart as having two sides: a stubborn inclination to resist and the inability to resist. Explain what he means by describing the *Rebellious Heart* and the *Weak and Powerless Heart*. For each "side" use Scripture or examples of a person in Scripture who exemplifies this, in your response.

### **Chapter 9**

1. Summarize the Strengthened Will and the Surrendered Will: use Scripture examples in your summary. For each, give 1 practical way to grow in these areas.

### **Chapter 10**

1. The keeping of our hearts is done in two ways; preserving and protecting. Summarize the author's teaching on both ways of keeping the heart (5 sentence minimum of each way). Write how you have been or could be doing each of these practices in your daily life.

### **Chapter 11**

1. The author says, "Your eyes will either steer your heart clear of danger or lead your heart straight into danger. Using the text explain what he means by this. Use Scripture in your answer.

2. The author says, “the words you hear will weave their way into your heart, especially if you are not paying attention.” Using the text explain what he means by this. Use Scripture in your answer.
3. We must be on alert. Our eyes and ears function as gatekeepers or not. Write 2-3 ways a person could guard his/her heart by deciding where to allow his/her eyes to linger, or not, and what to hear, or not. **Note:** Change does not happen until one realizes change needs to happen. Change then happens by planned practice.

## Chapter 12

1. “But what comes out of the heart proceeds from the heart.” (Mt. 5:18) Based on the chapter explain this statement from Jesus. (5 sentence minimum)
2. The author refers to many Proverbs on pages 181-182. Pick 6 of the Proverbs, read them, and tell what you learn about words. Write the reference for each of the 6 you picked for ease of reference. Write any changes you need to make based on the verses you chose.
3. After reading the chapter, how do you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on words that reflect love of God and others?
4. After reading the chapter, how do you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on words of hypocrisy?

## Chapter 13

1. After reading the chapter explain this statement: “You seek to love Christ faithfully with all your heart’s knowing, desiring, and choosing. But your deeper confidence is in Christ’s love for you and His keeping, preserving, and protecting you.” (This is true for believers.) Use Scripture in your answer. (5 sentence minimum)