

A heart for Missions.

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Characters : A friendly, concerned doctor, and a patient who means well but sometimes says the right things instead of the real things.

Setting: A doctors office. The doctor is wearing a white coat possibly with a stethoscope and also a 'innerscope' - a device for viewing inside a person.

Doc: (welcomes his patient in) Ahhhhh (looks at clipboard) Christian, come on in.

Christian: Thanks Doc.

Doc: Now your here for a checkup... right?

Christian: Yeah, my pastor suggested I come to you... I feel fine though.... well except when I do this (bends elbow).

Doctor: When you you do what?

Christian: When I do this (does it again)

Doc: I see..... well (in an obvious tone) don't do that..... But that's not why you're here. You see I'm not so much concerned about your physical well being - although that's important, I'm more interested about what's going on inside.

Christian: Inside.... like my bones and stuff?

Doc: Well, not exactly.... (picks up medical instrument) You see with this new 'innerscope' I can see what's going on inside your body - what your thinking and feeling.

Christian: (looking at instrument) I... I don't think I could swallow that.....

Doc: No, and I'd prefer it if you didn't - it's very expensive! You see all I do is hold it close to your body and we'll start to get a picture on the screen (points to multi-media screen) over there.

Christian: What.... you just hold it there and It'll show what I'm thinking...

Doc: That's right... hold still and I'll turn it on - It takes a little while to give us a clear picture of what's going on inside (hold it up near patients head)

PROJECTION silhouette of head on screen.... a thorn-bush rolls past the screen)

Christian: I gotta warn you there's a lot going on in there!

Doc: Yes.... perhaps we need to get in a bit closer.

PROJECTION (zooms in to a picture of a church)

- Doc: Ahhh... that's better, I see you've been fairly regular at church.
- Christian: Yes, I'm there most Sundays - good teaching... I learn a lot.
- Doc: Excellent (picture changes to Bible) And you've been reading the Bible regularly.
- Christian: Yeah, I read it as often as I can, there's some great stuff in there!
- Doc: Well..... (Picture changes to praying hands) This is excellent, you've been praying as well...
- Christian: I try to do my bit - you know pray for our missionaries and so on.
- Doc: Well, everything looks in fairly good shape up here.... Now let's take a look at the heart.
- Christian: Heart.... what's that got to do with what I'm thinking.
- Doc: Ahhh... Remember I said thinking AND feeling. Your head tells us what you know and understand - and God wants us to learn and grow, but He also expects us to tell others about Jesus - both here and all around the world. This will tell us if you really have a heart which wants to reach out to others... a heart for missions.
- Christian: Oh..... Ok.....
- Doc: (moves instrument down to heart) Now let's see what your feeling....
- PROJECTION** of word which come up on screen and then fade off: *"I'm scared of witnessing" & "I'm too busy" & "I'm comfortable where I am" & "I don't want to leave my friends" & "I can't afford to give to missions" & "I look bad in a beige safari suit" & "I hope God calls someone else".*
- Doc: (mutters some " hmms" and "uhuh's" as this is all going on then finally says) "I see..."
- Christian: So, how's the old ticker check out?
- Doc: Well..... it's a little hard for me to explain..... perhaps you should take a look at your heart yourself.
- Christian: But... I don't have one of those innerscope things.
- Doc: Ahh... you see I NEED ONE to see into YOUR heart, but Christian, YOU can take a good look at YOUR OWN heart ... **any time you want.**

