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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Addressing our Attitudes and Emotions Selected Proverbs

- I. Overview – The “Tree” of our life
- II. **The Roots = My Beliefs about God**
  - Do I indeed believe God is *Worthy* of my worship and *Trustworthy* with my life?
  - A. *The fear of the Lord* – God is Worthy: My worship of God affects everything else in my life (9:10; 14:27; 15:33; 16:6; 19:23; 28:14)
  - B. *Trust in the Lord* – He is Trustworthy: If I trust God, my motive is to obey and His desire is to bless (3:5-8; 11:28; 16:20; 22:19; 28:25-26; 29:25)
- III. **The Trunk = My Motives**
  - Have I settled that my desire is to please God?
  - A. *Guard your heart* (4:26) – Our motives determine our attitudes and produce our choices (3:1, 5; 14:33; 16:5; 17:3; 27:19).
  - B. God focuses on motives of our heart (16:2; 20: 27).
- IV. **The Branches = My Attitudes**
  - Am I training my mind to have godly attitudes?
  - A. My attitudes are choices that determine much in life.
    - Teachable (3:7-8; 9:9; 16:20); content(14:30; 15:16-17) generous (11:25-27;22:9)
  - B. My attitudes greatly affect others (12:25; 15:23, 30).
- V. **The Fruit/Foliage = My Emotions – Do I seek to express my emotions according to godly attitudes, motives and beliefs?**
  - We cannot know or judge other’s emotions (14:10, 13).
  - Some emotions are inevitable (15:30; 17:21; 18:14; 27:9).
  - Some emotions come from choices (12:20; 23:29-30; 29:17, 21).
  - We control how we express emotions (15:1; 16:32; 29:11).
  - My attitudes and resulting emotions can help me overcome circumstances (15:13-15; 17:22; 18:14).
  - Joy comes from godly motives and choices (10:28; 12:20).