

## VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

### ESSENTIAL PILLARS OF SOUL CARE (PART 1)

*Four essential pillars supporting biblical soul care:*

#### I. The heart is the primary object of soul care.

*"It is the hardest work; heart-work is hard work indeed. To shuffle over religious duties with a loose and heedless spirit, will cost no great pains; but to set thyself before the Lord, and tie up thy loose and vain thoughts to a constant and serious attendance upon him; this will cost thee something... To repress the outward acts of sin, and compose the external part of thy life in a laudable and comely manner, is no great matter; even carnal persons by the force of common principles can do this; but to kill the root of corruption within, to set and keep up an holy government over thy thoughts, to have all things lie straight and orderly in the heart, this is not easy."<sup>1</sup>*

*– John Flavel*

#### II. God's glory is the ultimate goal of soul care.

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<sup>1</sup> John Flavel, *The Works of John Flavel, Volume V* (Carlisle, PA: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1968), 428.