



# The Root of Behavior

PROVERBS 20

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*"The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out." (Proverbs 20:5, ESV)*

## Review the Sermon

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Read Proverbs 20:1-30.

How is the purpose in a man's heart like deep water (v5)? What does this look like in reality?

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How is our hunger for "steadfast love" (Prov. 19:22) at the root of all human behavior?

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How does the gospel provide the only solution to human behavior by addressing root issues?

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## Assess your Life

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Can you identify a form of behavior that caused you pain, demanded reflection, and led to lasting transformation in your life?

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Who, in your life, has been effective in "drawing out" the deep waters of your heart (v5)?

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What types of challenges have you faced in dealing with the poor behavior of others?

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## Apply the Truth

Name effective ways a wise person can “draw out” the root of a person’s behavior?

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How can you find a balance in discerning others’ behavior without becoming cynical or overly guarded?

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What response can you give to your conscience about the sins of your past?

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## Commit this Week

Will you commit this week to honest reflection of behavior that doesn’t glorify God, and seek lasting transformation through the power of the gospel?

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*“The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts.” (Proverbs 20:27, ESV)*