

# The Heart

The word HEART - is found (935 TIMES) in Scripture. But the subject is referred to many more times, such as - "he said within himself". That's the heart. The subject of the heart is found more than 1,000 times in Scripture.

When the Bible talks about the heart, it's not referring to the organ in our chest that pumps blood. In Scripture, the heart is the center of our spirit. Our deepest affections, desires, motives, come from here, in our heart. Everything we love or hate, comes from deep within our heart, our spirit. All decisions we make come from our heart.

What is in our heart will determine our eternal destiny.

Thoughts come from the heart.

Pr 23:7 For as [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he:

The things we say, come from our heart:

Mt 12:34\* for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

The heart is where bitterness and unforgiveness have their source.

Le 19:17 you shalt not hate your brother in your heart:

Mt 18:35\* Our heavenly Father will not forgive us ... "if we from our hearts will not forgive our brother his trespasses."

The heart is where sin is conceived. Acts 5:4. Peter said to Ananias:

Ac 5:4\* why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?

We do not know our heart. Jer 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

David was a man after God's own heart. He loved God with all his heart. But Later he fell into adultery. He did not know what was in his heart. In repentance he later prayed; Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, know my thoughts: See if there be any wicked way in me. Ps 139:23

Pornography. 68% of Christian men look at pornography  
Many evil spirits get into our heart through our eyes and ears

God alone knows the heart.

1Ch 28:9 And you, Solomon my son, know the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts: God perfectly understands our hearts, and why we do things.

Scriptural Prayers

Ps 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Ps 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. In Jas. 1:4 4:8, We are not to be double minded.

Hosea 10:2 declared; Their heart is divided; What it is a divided heart?

A divided heart is a love for God, and many other things. It is a heart it is not wholehearted for God. A heart that loves many other worldly things.

Pr 4:23 Keep (guard) your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. All our choices and decisions, come from our heart.

Pr 23:26 My son, give me thine heart, ... give me your affections.

Ps 101:2 I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

What is in our house? Give me a perfect heart O Lord

1Ki 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

## What do we mean by perfect?

Perfection is relative. Absolute perfection belongs only to God. For us perfection is relative.

You only expect so much from a five-year-old.

You expect much more from a 15 year old.

If we are living up to all the light God has given us, we are perfect.

But if God is putting his finger on something, and we are ignoring it ... we are not remaining perfect.

If we are responding to everything God is saying to us, God looks at us as being perfect.

### The problem of pride.

Obad.1: 3 - The pride of your heart has deceived thee.

Pride brings great deception. When we think we're more important than we are, or we are more powerful and influential... this pride brings deception

Deut 8:17 And you say in thine heart, My power and might has gotten me all this wealth. This is not said outwardly, it is an attitude in the heart.

### Pride is the greatest hindrance to unity and revival.

The 12 apostles - constantly arguing who is going to be the greatest.

The greatest problem of the 12 apostles.

Spirit of competition, comparing. Wanting to be number one.

Mark 9:33-34, Mark 10:35-37, Luke 22:19-24

When they all failed and forsook Jesus in the garden ...

When they saw Christ brutally beaten, killed, they came to brokenness.

Acts 2:1 53 days later, they were all in one accord. Unity. Then God moved.

Where does this spirit of comparing and competing come from? The need to be number one. It comes from Satan, the prince of this world.

He wanted to be number one to be at the top. Pride in the heart.

**We must learn to esteem others better than ourselves. Phil.2:3-4  
To prefer others before ourselves.**

**Do not harden your heart. - being offended! Closing the heart**

**Ps 95:8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: quoted several times in Hebrews:**

**Heb 3:8, 4:7 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: - reason they did not enter the promised land**

**Hardness of heart is the main reason marriages fail. The unwillingness to forgive one's spouse. I cannot and I will not ever forgive you.**

**Mt 19:8\* Jesus said to them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. Hardness of heart, Is not allowed in the New Testament.**

**Mt 24:10\* And then shall many be offended, and betray one another, and shall hate one another. An offended heart, is a hardened heart. Closed!**

**Mr 6:52\* the apostles considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. Even the apostles struggled with hardness**

**Many Will be offended in our times: what is the problem the Problem? - There is no Real heart commitment: Lu 7:23\* Blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in me. Many people are weak - because there is no depth of commitment in their heart. Easily wounded, no forgiveness, bitterness.**

**Lord - give me a soft heart! God blesses a tender heart.**

**God blessed King Josiah because of he had tender heart. 2 Chr 34:27: "Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God, when thou heard his words against this place, and ... humbled yourself before me... and weep before me; I have heard you also, saith the LORD.**

## **Proof of good character - how we react when things are difficult**

**Job 1:20 he fell down and worshiped, after losing everything. This is greatness of character, from a heart deeply dedicated to God**

## **God will test our hearts In the last days by the antichrist**

**When the antichrist comes, he will perform many miracles. Deut 13:1-3 warns: “You shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God is [testing] you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul.**

## **God’s sword-wants to cut away the fallen nature we’re born with**

**De 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that you may live.**

**We are warned not to rely on our intellect. Do not depend on your mind.**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5**

**When we do not understand, we must trust him. Because ...**

**He will make everything beautiful in his time. Eccl. 3:11**

**Job had vision. He saw the second coming, He saw himself resurrected and reigning with Christ . Job 19:25. Vision keeps us on course.**

## **The promise of a new covenant.**

**Much greater redemption was promised in the new covenant**

**Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.**

The church age began at the death/resurrection of Christ. The veil was rent  
The new covenant was opened,  
We can now enter Gods presence and have a new heart.  
His laws can now be written on our hearts and in our minds.

### Christ always focused on the heart of the matter

He declared: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: Mt 15:19\*

### And, He summarized the whole Bible into Two things

Mt 22:37\* Jesus said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and to love people. Upon these two commands hang all the teaching of the law and prophets:

Loving God with all your heart, and loving people.

Heart condition toward God

Heart condition toward people

Mt . 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. What do we love most? That is where our heart is.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

### Choose to think upon good things. The power of choice, by grace

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Zec 8:17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

## **Attaining to Mount Zion depends on a pure heart**

**Ps 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.**

**Da 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself**

**Ps 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**

**Mt 5:8\* Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

**Where is our heart where are our deepest affections and motives?**

**Eze 14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart,**

**An idol is anything that replaces God, or that is more important than God**

**Php 4:7\* And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

**We need peace in our hearts and minds.**

**Let's give our hearts to God in a new way today!**

**God bless you abundantly!**





**The word “heart” is found 935 times in Scripture. The source of love or hate. The center of our being. (Prov. 23:7). As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Mind and heart. Two areas where we need peace. Phil. 4:7, which surpasses knowledge shall keep ...**

- To keep or guard our hearts with all diligence. All decisions spring from here (Prov. 4:23).**

**Mind (the instrument) that muses over matters, and logically thinks things through, and decides. But the heart is the source, the deepest affections dictate to the mind the issues.**

- Luke’s Gospel (to say within oneself) 6 times. Our deepest motives, desires lie here. (inner reasonings, rationalizations of the heart)**

- Genesis 8:21 – The Lord said in His heart. Some one close enough to hear Him.**

**Relationships –We are talking about the subject of the heart this morning:**

**All 31,000 verses of Scripture are based on just two things.**

**Heart relationship toward God, and heart relationship with people.**

**The 2 commandments. • There are only two basic things we take with us when we die.**

- Our character - what we have allowed God to deposit in our lives.**
- We we have deposited in other people.**

**Invest in these two things. People live forever, things do not.**

**Perhaps of all relationships, Marriage is the most important:  
Interwoven into all of Creation**

- **We have a clue as to what God is looking for in humanity by his creation.**
- **The design reveals the nature of the Designer. (Every living thing looks for a counterpart).**
- **God Himself is looking for a counterpart, a best friend, a bride. Compatible with Himself.**
- **All things created by Him and for Him. Rev. 4:11. We are created for Him.**

**Marriage is God's greatest object lesson He teaches us about our relationship with Him.**

- **Marriage affords us many opportunities to learn how to be unselfish.**

- **God so loved us, that He sacrificed His only Son. True love is unselfish.**
- **The world's idea of love is totally backwards. (The world's love is selfish).**

**I love you as long as you make me feel good, otherwise, I am out of here.**

**On a refrigerator I read one time: (The closer we get to each other, the closer to God). The Triangle – God at the top. Man / wife at the bottom. Closer to God, closer to each other. Not the other way around.**

**For A Growing Marriage (any growing relationship), we must grow spiritually.**

- **(Grow in wisdom, understanding,, patience, forbearance, forgiveness.) Unity**

- **Only way to grow spiritually is by obeying God. If ignoring Him, no growth.**
- **No growth, no true direction, unless we are listening to God. Obedience.**

**For differences, nothing is ever accomplished unless submitted to God, New Grace.**

- **Support groups, counselling, etc. therapy. (We need obedience to the words of the Lord.)**
- **Real problems—spiritual. Inflexibility, unthankfulness, insensitive, unforgiveness, hardness.**
- **The answers are spiritual too. A new heart will I give you. (*Power of sin in love for it*).**

- **I will take away the stony heart, and give you a heart of flesh. Message of valentines day.**
- **This comes gradually as we humble ourselves, cooperate with God, and receive new grace.**

### **Unity Begins in Me**

- **Genesis 11:7 - one language, now nothing will be restrained from them**
- **If only he or she would change. No, it begins in me. Psalm 86:11**

- **Unity and Peace are equivalent.**

- **Double-minded, unstable in all his ways.**

- **Cannot serve two masters.**

- **Divided loyalties - no peace. Civil wars going on inside.**

- **Humility / Meekness - find rest in your soul. When you have peace, then you bring peace.**

### **A New Commitment to God**

- **A new yielding to God, a new humbling of ourselves to receive new grace, and unity.**
- **I would like to take my ministerial freedom to ask: Are you ready for heaven?**

**I often ask people this as a minister, and often I hear, “I am not sure”. That is often a sign that they are not ready.**

**When you are God's child, you have an inner witness of the Spirit, an inner knowing.**

**We have the witness of the Spirit that we are the children of God.**

- **This morning, let us freshly commit our hearts to God, to be an unselfish spouse. Let us having a growing marriage, and that means we have to grow spiritually. And to grow spiritually, we have to pay attention to what the Spirit is saying to us.**

- **Also, if anyone is not sure they are ready for heaven, lets invite the Savior into our heart.**

**If God thought it was important enough to come down from heaven to become a man to be slain for our sins, then we must take heed to that awesome message. To take that message lightly is to deny our entrance into heaven.**

**Lord, today we give you our hearts, our sins, our shortcomings.**