

# *THE HEART*



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# INTRODUCTION

- The “Heart” the we are speaking about is NOT the vital organ, and muscle that pumps blood throughout the body.



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- The bible references the ear - over 250 times
- Eye - over 550 times
- The Bible mentions the heart almost 900 times. In essence, this is what it says:
  - The heart is that part of us where our emotions and desires dwell.
  - The heart is also the seat of man's conscience
  - “Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness” - (Rom. 2:15).
  - The heart is the center not only of spiritual activity, but of all the operations of human life.
- The heart is the core of our being, and the Bible sets high importance on keeping our hearts pure: “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

# THE HEART IS INHERENTLY WICKED

- ◉ Jeremiah 17:9 - *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”*



# THE HEART NEEDS TO BE CHANGED

- ◉ In order for a person to be saved, then, the heart must be changed. This only happens by the power of God in response to faith in the Word of God.
- ◉ Romans 10:10 - “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
- ◉ In His grace, God can create a new heart within us (Psalm 51:10; Ezekiel 36:26).
- ◉ He promises to “revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15).



# THE HEART IS THE “MASTER-CONTROL” OF THE LIFE

- ◉ The heart controls our actions

**Luke 6:45** - “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil...”

- ◉ The heart controls our thoughts

**Proverbs 23:7** - “For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is he*.”

- ◉ The heart controls the tongue

**Matt 12:34-37** - “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”

**The words from the lips are the evidence of the condition of the heart; and evil words indicate an evil heart**

# A WRONG HEART ALWAYS PRODUCES A WRONG LIFE

- ◉ Sin - Matt 15:18-19 - “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:”
- ◉ Holiness, is a matter of what comes out of the heart. People often blame the devil for their sinful actions, but the root cause of wickedness is the human heart. This is why we must be born again and receive a new heart.
- ◉ Fear - I Sam 28:5 - “And David said to Saul, Let no man’s heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”
- ◉ Isaiah 35:4 - “Say to them *that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.*”

# HEART TOWARDS GOD

## ◉ Repentance - contrite heart

**Psalms 34:18** - “The LORD *is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*”

**Psalms 51:17** - “The sacrifices of God *are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*”

## ◉ Obedience

**Psalms 119:11** - “Thy word have *I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*”

**Romans 6:17** - “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have *obeyed from the heart* that form of doctrine which was delivered you.”

## ◉ Service

**Ephesians 6:6-7** - “but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:”



# RIGHT HEART = RIGHT SERVICE

- ◉ **Faith** - Romans 10: 9-10 - “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

**Proverbs 3:5** - “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

- ◉ **Praise** - Psalms 111:1 - “I will praise the LORD with *my whole heart*”
- ◉ **Love** - Matt 22:37 - “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

# CHEERFUL HEART = CHEERFUL GIVING

- ◉ **Giving - 2 Corinthians 9:7** - “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*”
- ◉ Giving must be from the heart, and God loves a cheerful giver. Some believers take this verse to mean that it matters not how much we give, so long as we give cheerfully what we have purposed in our hearts. Absolutely not! A cheerful heart is not a substitute for an obedient heart. Our hearts should be both faithful (obedient) and cheerful, because we give the right gift with the right motive, from a right heart.

## A CLEAN HEART

**Psalms 51:10** - “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”

**Ezekiel 36:25-26** - “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 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 an heart of flesh.”

# A PURE HEART

**Matthew 5:28** - “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

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

- The most comprehensive character of the blessed is that they are pure in heart. Salvation consists in heart-purity. Those who are inwardly pure, show themselves to be under the power of pure and undefiled religion. True Salvation lies in the heart, in the purity of heart; the washing of that from wickedness, Jer. 4:14.
- The heart must be kept pure from fleshly lusts, all unchaste thoughts and desires, and from worldly lusts; from all filthiness of flesh and spirit.
- The heart must be purified by faith, and entire for God; it must be presented and preserved a chaste virgin to Christ. Create in me such a clean heart, O God!