



# THE HEART OF MAN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

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**PROVERBS 23:7** (“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:” ...) **KJV**  
The Bible reveals to us that our heart is the **‘Center of our Emotions.’** Faith, love, courage, kindness, anger, hatred and all the rest come from the heart. The Bible also tells us that the heart is the **‘Center of Decisive action.’** “The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God” Ps. 14:1 “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23 Jesus said, **“For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.** These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.” Matthew 15:19 Jesus said that all of our problems both personal and social come from within the heart. The Bible also says that the heart is the **‘Center of Life’** “The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!” Ps. 22:26 What happens when a man dies? When he dies his body goes to the grave but the soul (real you) and your human spirit lives forever. The Bible says that your soul and spirit will live forever! It never dies! Someone once said, ‘I don’t want to live forever, what you

have to say about that?’ Well, according to the Bible, whether you like it or not, your soul and spirit will live forever. There is nothing you can do about that. When you die and go out into eternity, at that moment your soul and spirit goes out to live in heaven or hell. We make the choice of where we want to spent eternity and the only way to get to heaven is to accept Jesus as our personal Savior. Jesus spoke of two roads. One leading to heaven and the other one leading to hell. “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and **broad is the road that leads to destruction**, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and **narrow the road that leads to life**, and only a few find it.” Matthew 7:13-14 The Bible says that man looks at the outward appearance but **God looks at the Heart of man.** “But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**” 1Samuel 16:7 God looks at your heart to see what you are really like in the inside! God sees the thoughts, the motives, the desires, and the true intentions of the heart.

## IS YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD?



The Bible says the heart is full of 'evil imaginations!' “a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil,” Proverbs 6:18 The Bible says your heart is deceitful and you cannot trust it. “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” Jeremiah 17:9 Many Christian hearts are far away from God. Their hearts are far away in a distant country like the Prodigals son. “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Matthew 15:8 This type of so-called Christians go to church, Bible Study, sing in the choir, and some are preachers and leaders in the church but their hearts are far away from God. They are the ones that are walking in darkness with the devil and pretending that they are walking with God. But God knows their hearts are far away from Him. They are gambling with their salvation! How far is your heart from God? Repent before it is too late. The Bible says that the hearts of mankind are dark. They are dark because the devil has blinded their eyes. They are blind spiritually. Only God can open your eyes when you repent of your sins. “For although they knew God, they

neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Romans 1:21 The Bible also tells us that the heart of man is full of pride. “Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.” Psalms 101:5 What is the greatest stumbling block to the kingdom of God? Murder? Adultery? Homosexuality? Drug Addiction? No! Pride is the greatest stumbling block. Self! Self! Self does not like to humble itself and come to the Cross of Jesus and say, ‘God, I am a lost sinner in need of forgiveness! The Bible also says that our hearts are rebellious. “But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away.” Jeremiah 5:23 This is the reason God wants to change your heart if you allow Him! Come under the Pastor and leadership of the church so God can do a work in your life. Character development is a must! The Bible also reveals to us that our hearts can be harden. Every time you reject Jesus and His Word, your heart hardens. “And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses.” Ex. 9:35 KJV Pharaoh’s heart was hardened because of his constant rejection of God’s Word. When you hear the Word of God being preach to you, don’t reject it because what happened to Pharaoh’s heart can happen to your heart.

## GOD HAS AN ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR HEART.



God knows the 'Secrets of your Heart.' "Shall not God search this out? For he knoweth the secrets of the heart." Psalms 44:21 You cannot hide anything from God. God 'Searches your Heart.' "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:10 God 'Ponders the Heart.' "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts." Proverbs 21:2 God through the power of His Word and the Holy Spirit will make known to you what is sin and what is not sin. He will make known to you what is 'Light' and what is 'Darkness' He will measure your character with the character of Jesus. Because if you measure your spiritual life, you will give yourself an A+, But when God sees the real you, He gives you a F. Some Christians say, 'Its ok to drink wine or a few beers as long that you don't get drunk.' The Bible says we are the temple of the HOLY SPIRIT! God will ponder your dumb way of your holiness with His Word! God is the One that reveals to you the real condition of your heart. The Bible talks about the 'Heart of Jesus.' The pure heart of Jesus bled on the Cross for our sinful hearts. Jesus shed His precious blood to cleanse us of our sins. His perfect, loving,

tender, and compassionate heart bled on the Cross for us. Hebrews 9:22 says, "...and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." We all deserved judgment and to be cast into the lake of fire but the love of God allowed the 'Heart of Jesus' to shed His blood on the Cross so that we might be saved and make it to heaven. The Bible says that God will give you a 'New Heart.' If you come to Jesus and surrender your whole heart to Him, He will remove your heart of stone and give you a new heart of flesh. A brand new life! "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." Ezekiel 36:26-27 God can change your life. Its call being 'Born Again.'

### CONCLUSION:

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO SO GOD CAN CHANGE MY LIFE? You must be 'Willing' to turn from your sins. Renounce your sin! You must 'Commit and Surrender' your heart and life to Jesus. You must be willing to 'Follow Him and Serve Him' for the rest of your life!