

Worldview: The HEART Study

Part One

A wise teacher once stated, “What goes on in your heart is what you really are; you are what you are in your heart.” Your heart is the center of y-o-u.

No one can hide his or her heart; no, never. It is totally impossible. Like the above quote, deep down in your heart, well, that’s who you are.

Your heart determines your motives, your attitudes, your thoughts, words, and, actions ... all that you believe and do. And, the push-pull pressures of life will always reveal your heart – what you really stand for – it has to come out. You can’t stop it, nor can you change it.

So, is that it? Is that where it has to end? No! All thanks be to God: He is the only One Who can change your heart. Nothing else – not money, not fame, and most certainly not education – can ever change you.

God alone knows absolutely everything about you, inside-out. Plus, He desires to give you a brand-new heart, a heart that is alive to Him, by individual regeneration available solely through receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

Once that “old” heart is redeemed by God for your “new” heart, your mind can begin thinking the way God originally designed it. Every aspect of your life will show it; you cannot hide it!

Yes, your heart permanently changed, a quickened spirit, with a clear, right-thinking mind (an intellect set free to bring forth sound thoughts, followed by noble acts that offer real help to others).

And, then, those who have been called to be teachers can, at last, genuinely teach. No more phony philosophies and fake stuff drowning in a fool’s pitiful ignorance.

Now, the teacher can live life to its fullest and can impart this to his or her students. Wow! Education with changed lives changing lives; that’s what real schooling is all about!

Part Two

God’s Word teaches that over 800 Scriptures pertain to “heart” (King James Version Bible). Amazing!

But, you *be a Berean* yourself. Use whatever version and/or translation you need to search and research the Bible. Pray, and dig, and pray some more. The absolute “jewels” of Truth are there to be found and used!

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Following are some key verses related to our heart(s):

Deuteronomy	Psalms cont	Proverbs cont	Luke cont	Ephesians
4:29	112:7	23:15	5:22	3:17
6:5	119:2	23:17	6:45	6:5-6
26:16	119:10	23:19	8:15	Philippians
30:2	119:32	23:26	10:27	4:7
30:6	119:34	24:12	12:34	
30:10	119:36	27:19	16:15	Colossians
	119:58	28:26	24:38	2:2
Joshua	119:80			3:15-16
22:5	119:112	Jeremiah	John	3:22-23
	119:145	17:5-10	14:1	
I Samuel	139:23-24	29:13	14:27	I Thessalonians
12:24	141:4			2:4
		Ezekiel	Acts	3:13
I Chronicles	Proverbs	11:19	1:24	
29:17	2:2	36:26-27	2:37	II Thessalonians
	2:10		2:46	3:5
Psalms	3:1	Joel	8:21-22	
4:4	3:3	2:12	8:37	I Timothy
7:9	3:5-6		11:23	1:5
14:1	4:4	Malachi	13:22	
15:2	4:21	4:6	15:8-9	II Timothy
17:3	4:23		16:14	2:22
19:14	6:21	Matthew	28:27	
26:2	7:23	5:8		Hebrews
34:18	8:5	6:21	Romans	3:15
37:4	10:8	11:29	8:27	4:7
37:31	15:11	12:35	10:9-10	4:12
40:8	15:14	15:8		10:16
44:21	16:1	15:18-19	I Corinthians	10:22
51:10	16:9	22:37	4:5	13:9
53:1	16:21		14:25	James
57:7	16:23	Mark		4:8
66:18	17:3	2:8	II Corinthians	
69:32	18:15	7:21	1:22	I Peter
77:6	20:9	12:30	3:2-3	1:22
86:11-12	21:2		4:6	3:15-16
90:12	22:17	Luke	Galatians	
97:11	23:7	1:17	4:6	I John
108:1	23:12	2:35		3:18-24

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Part Three

Life is a test. The test begins even before each of us is born on this earth.

The Answer to this life-long test is actually a *question*: Who do I trust?

It is always a pass/fail test. And, God never grades on the “curve” ... He grades on the Cross:

- Our score(s)? Totally flawed.
- Jesus’ score? Absolutely perfect.

Will I, when put to the test:

- Trust in me?
- Trust in others?
- Trust in things?

OR

- Trust in GOD? (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Before the loving search lamp of the sweet Holy Spirit, prayerfully ponder these questions. Please remember: This exam is between the Lord Jesus Christ and you -- no one else. Thank you so very much. Praise God, Who is the Truth! (John 4:24; John 16:13-14; II John 4; III John 4)

*Note: Much appreciation to Dan Hite for his historic work on “Five Tests”)

A. **Treasure Test** (“*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*” Matthew 6:21):

1. What do I prize and value the most?
2. What do I believe is most important and worthwhile?

(“But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33)

B. **Thought Test** (“*For as someone thinks in his heart, so is he.*” Proverbs 23:7):

1. What do I think about the most?
2. What are my daydreams, my imaginings, my desires, my plans?
3. What are my thoughts when faced with responsibilities?

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“Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:8)

C. **Talk Test** (*“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”* Luke 6:45):

1. What do I talk about the easiest?
2. What excites me the most?
3. What does my conversation say about me?

“Let no corrupt talk proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying.” Ephesians 4:29)

D. **Time Test** (*“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”* Mark 7:21-23):

1. What do I spend the most time doing?
2. When do I find myself not having enough time?

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him.” Colossians 3:17)

E. **Trial Test** (*“The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.”* Proverbs 17:3):

1. What surfaces in my life under pressure?
2. When I get bumped, what spills out?

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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Part Four

Grace (God's smiling favor) allows each of us to carry on life, in all of its many facets, with **wisdom** and understanding and knowledge. The Lord gives *common grace* for those yet to be reborn and *personal grace* to all believers.

Not what the world(-system) misnames as "wisdom" – man's depraved ideas of deception, exploitation, corruption.

But, the real thing: God's wisdom! Seeing life precisely the way He intends ... be it in the family or home, business/commerce, civil government, farming, medicine, science, the trades, simply whatever. Carefully consider what His Word states about:

"ALL manner of workmanship ..."

Exodus 31:3, 35:31, 36:1

"ALL wisdom ..."

Daniel 1:4

Ephesians 1:8

Colossians 1:9, 1:28, 2:3, 3:16

"ALL knowledge ..."

Romans 15:14

I Corinthians 1:15, 13:2

II Corinthians 8:7

"ALL understanding ..."

Psalms 119:99

Proverbs 4:7

Luke 1:3

Philippians 4:7

Colossians 2:2

II Timothy 2:7

"Passes ALL ..."

Ephesians 3:19

Philippians 1:9

This God-granted ability to live includes, of course, education and teaching. In other words, grace permits every teacher to teach.

Tremendous, incomprehensible potential comes with the privileged calling to teach others. Teaching touches so many lives, even reaching people unknown to that teacher – other students, their families, neighbors, those throughout the whole vicinity and beyond.

Finally, I must ask myself: "For each person who crossed my path today, did I point them to Jesus; or, did I point them away from the Lord?"

Asking God to examine my heart before the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 2:15; II Corinthians 13:5) will provide the Answer, the Lord Himself!!! Amen.

