

Heart

I. Introduction

- A. What is being a person after God's own heart (cf. **Isa. 13:14; Acts 13:22; 1Ki. 15:3**)?
- B. _____ Heart?
- C. The National Center for Health Statistics and the American Heart Association.
- D. What does the Bible mean when it talks about your heart?

II. Scripture

- A. Numerous words for "heart" (833 total times in Bible. Heb: "leb=heart, feelings, will, intellect, care, the center of anything;" 532 times. Heb: "lebab=heart organ, breast, courage, midst, mind, understanding;" 251 times. Heb: "nephesh=heart, life, soul, desire, appetite, mind, pleasure, soul..." 753 times. Heb: "meeh=heart, sympathy, belly, bowels, womb..." 32 times. Heb: "bal=heart, anxiety;" 7 times. Gr: "kardia= heart, thoughts, feelings, the middle;" 160 times).
- B. 26 Select Verses.
 1. **Proverbs 3:5-6** — "**Trust in the LORD with all your heart**; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
 2. **Proverbs 4:23** — "**Keep your heart with all diligence**; for out of it are the issues of life."
 3. **Deuteronomy 13:3** — "Thou shall not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD, your God proves you, to know whether you **love the LORD your God with all your heart** and with all your soul."
 4. **Joshua 22:5** — "But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to **love the LORD** your God, and to **walk in all His ways**, and to **keep His commandments**, and to **cleave unto Him**, and to **serve Him with all your heart** and with all your soul."
 5. **1 Samuel 13:14** — "But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **the LORD has sought him a man after His own heart**, and the LORD has commanded him to be captain over His people, because you have not kept that which the LORD commanded thee."
 6. **1 Samuel 16:7** — "But the LORD said unto Samuel, 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD sees not as man sees; for **man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.**'"
 7. **1 Peter 3:4** — "But let it be the hidden man of the **heart**, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."
 8. **Jeremiah 17:9** — "The **heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**"

9. **Daniel 1:8** — “But Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore, he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”
10. **Luke 24:14** — “Settle it therefore in your **hearts**, not to meditate before what you shall answer:”
11. **Psalms 119:11** — “Your **Word have I hid in mine heart**, that I might not sin against you.”
12. **Proverbs 16:9** — “A man's **heart devises his way**: but the LORD directs his steps.”
13. **Proverbs 16:1** — “The **preparations of the heart** in [belong to] man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.”
14. **Pro. 23:19** — “Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and **guide your heart in the way**.”
15. **Matthew 5:8** — “**Blessed are the pure in heart**: for they shall see God.”
16. **James 4:8** — “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your **hearts**, you double minded.”
17. **Matthew 5:28** — “But I say unto you, ‘That whosoever **looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart**.’”
18. **Matthew 6:21** — “For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also**.”
19. **Proverbs 23:7** — “For **as he thinks in his heart, so is he**: Eat and drink, says he to you; but his **heart** is not with you.”
20. **Romans 10:10a** — “For with the **heart** man believes unto righteousness;”
21. **Ephesians 3:17** — “That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,”
22. **Ephesians 5:19** — “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and **making melody in your heart** to the Lord;”
23. **Ephesians 6:5** — “Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, **in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ**;”
24. **Ephesians 6:6** — “Not with eyeservice, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart**;”
25. **Hebrews 4:12** — “**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**.”
26. **I Peter 3:15** — “But sanctify the Lord God in your **hearts**: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

III. Application

- A. How are you going to set Jesus apart in your heart today?

- B. Are you a man or woman after God's own heart?

- C. How would you define being a person after God's own heart?