



The Human Heart

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The Scriptures have a lot to say about our motives and our heart.

- Let's look at some passages and see what the usage of the word "heart" indicates.
- "You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." (Deut. 6:5 LSB)
- "AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH." (Mark 12:30 LSB)
- "Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to Yahweh our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day." (1 Kings 8:61 LSB)
- "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb. 4:12 LSB)
- "I, Yahweh, search the heart; I test the inmost being, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his deeds." (Jer. 17:10 LSB)

- “But, O Yahweh of hosts, who judges righteously, Who tests the insides and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You have I revealed my case.” (Jer. 11:20 LSB)
- “Would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.” (Psa. 44:21 LSB)
- “Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psa. 51:10 LSB)
- “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.” (Psa. 51:17 LSB)
- “And before him there was no king like him who turned to Yahweh with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.” (2 Kings 23:25 LSB)
- “But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.” (Rev. 2:4 LSB) – is this a heart issue?

- “Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Gen. 6:5 LSB)
- “And Yahweh smelled the soothing aroma; and Yahweh said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.” (Gen. 8:21 LSB)
- ““You shall not hate your brother in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, and so not bear sin because of him.” (Lev. 19:17 LSB)
- ““If there is a needy one among you, one of your brothers, in any of your gates of the towns in your land which Yahweh your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand from your needy brother;” (Deut. 15:7 LSB)
- “but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matt. 5:28 LSB)

- “But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false witness, slanders.” (Matt. 15:18-19 LSB)
- “See to it brothers, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.” (Heb. 3:12 LSB)
- “You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.” (James 4:3 LSB)
- “the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me affliction in my chains.” (Phil. 1:17 LSB)
- “All the ways of a man are pure in his own sight, But Yahweh weighs the motives.” (Prov. 16:2 LSB)
- ““The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?” (Jer. 17:9 LSB)

- ““Beware of doing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.” (Matt. 6:1 LSB)
- “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matt. 6:21 LSB)
- “You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.” (Matt. 12:34 LSB)
- “The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil. For his mouth speaks from the abundance of his heart.” (Luke 6:45 LSB)
- “But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching to which you were given over,” (Rom. 6:17 LSB)
- “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;” (Rom. 10:9 LSB)
- “And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.” (Rev. 2:23 LSB)

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