

The Heart

Hebrew - “Leb” (*labe*) - It includes not only the motives, feelings, affections, and desires, but also the will, the aims, the principals, the thoughts, and the intellect of man. In fact it embraces the whole inner man, the head never being regarded as as the seat of intelligence. While it is the source of all action and the center of all thought and feeling the heart is also described as receptive from the influences both from the outer world and God Himself.

Greek - “Kardia” (*kar-dee’-ah*) – Kardia is the heart **(1)** the chief organ of physical life, and occupies the most important place in the human system. **(2)** By an easy transition of the word came to stand for man’s entire mental and moral activity, both the rational and emotional elements. **(3)** It is used figuratively for the hidden springs of personal life: **(3a)** the seat of total depravity, the principal in the center of man’s inward life that defiles all he does; **(3b)** it is the sphere of Divine influence.....It represents the true character but conceals it.

Guard It

Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

It Is Who We Truly Are

Proverbs 27:19 As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man.

1 Peter 3:3-4 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

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1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Proverbs 3:3-7 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Give From It

2 Corinthians 9:7 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, *"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

Keep It Focused On God

Matthew 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Joshua 22:5 Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Jeremiah 29:13 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

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Psalms 119:9-11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:2-3 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 119:5-7 Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.