

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 27:19

As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person.

Proverbs 21:2

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

"...The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Ezekiel 36:26

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.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Luke 6:45

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Matthew 9:4

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?"

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Romans 10:10

For with the heart one believes and is justified...

"The human heart, will, or spirit is the executive center of a human life. The heart is where decisions and choices are made for the whole person." – Dallas Willard

"Those with a well-kept heart are persons who are prepared for and capable of responding to the situations of life in ways that are good and right. Their will functions as it should, to choose what is good and avoid what is evil, and the other components of their nature cooperate to that end." – Dallas Willard



➤ **Divided heart**

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

"An idol is anything to which we attach the desires, expectations, affections, devotion, and dependence that properly belong to God. The language of love, trust, fear, hope, seeking, serving—terms describing a relationship to the true God—is continually utilized in the Bible to describe our false loves, false trusts, false fears, false hopes, false pursuits, false masters."

– David Powlison

Diagnostic for divided heart...

"Life only has meaning and I only have worth, if..." – Tim Keller

Psalms 86:11

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

➤ **Broken (wounded) heart**

Psalms 147:3

He [the LORD] heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

relational wounds, emotional wounds, physical wounds, religious wounds

➤ **Hardened heart**

Daniel 4:29-30

29...as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

Hebrews 3:7-8

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."

Hebrews 3:12

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Jesus invitation = bring your divided, wounded, hardened heart to me and I'll bring my healing grace to you, a *new heart* that is capable of being *renewed*