

When a man lacks the knowledge of His heart, he regrets some of his actions. However, you can also do things righteously and positively because of the state of your heart. You can be so offended with someone and think you will explode in anger, but upon getting there, you become so meek. Out of the abundance of your heart, the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45). David always gave diligent attention to the state of his heart. You can see this in Psalm 119. This is the characteristic of a man who will go far with God. Many know their mind, but not their heart. When a thought comes to you, the action you take determines where the action goes, that is, if it will be sown into your heart or not. Nahum speaks of a mistress of witchcraft that selleth nations through whoredom and her main target is the precious soul. Or in proverbs 6, where by whoredom, men are brought to a piece of bread (verse 26)

How does the whorish woman operate?

First, she strikes your mind with a thought. What you do with that thought determines your victory. If she succeeds at the first attempt, she most likely will again. However, if you catch the thought and provide a response from a new heart that you have been given at redemption, you will have victory. The bible says that contained in our new heart is the word of God (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

The Heart of Man

Psalm 19:7-10 KJVS

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. [8] The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. [9] The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. [10] More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

This scripture describes the content of the new heart, that is - the law of the Lord, the fear of the Lord, the judgment of the heart, the statutes of the Lord, and the commandment of the Lord. When the thought comes, the Holy Spirit in your heart is ready to deploy one or two of these. Unclean thoughts come to every man, even Jesus. Yet, the Holy Spirit will show you the glorious end of an overcomer, from the beginning. And that vision of the end will keep you going. Like Christ, who for the joy that was before him endured the cross, temptations, and agony, despised the shame (Hebrew 12: 2), so shall we. When a challenge comes to you, get on your knees and commit it to the Lord. Before you get up from your knees, get a word from the Lord that you can set before you. Note, when you are tempted or challenged, the challenge does not affect your heart. It is your response that affects your heart. As Christ taught, it is not what enters a man that defiles him, it is what comes out of his mouth (Matt 15:11)

We had previously mentioned Judas. He was under the teaching of Jesus, yet, he gave into greed. The bible says 'Guard your heart with all diligence' (Proverbs 4:23) God is most interested in the heart. This was the difference between Saul and David. Saul, when he was rebuked of his

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disobedience to God, he blamed the people. David, however, made a very big mistake that caused the devil to reproach God (2 Sam 12:14). Yet, rather than blaming others, in repentance, he cried out to God for forgiveness and a conversion of heart. Do not joke with sin. Destroy it where it lies. Do not condescend to the level of the dust. You are a king. Kings are life givers. If your brother does something wrong against you and you chose to take up malice against him, you have come down from the place of honor. For before honour is humility (Proverbs 18:12) Do not meddle with the things of this world. Stand full guard. When an unclean thought comes against you, search in your heart for which the Lord will want you to do; either the law or the testimony or the commandment.

Refer to book attached (The Heart of Man)

Jeremiah 17:9-10 KJVS

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? [10] I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

The heart of a man without Christ is extremely sick. Jesus does not just heal it; He exchanges it for a new heart. To come to Christ is to understand His dying; to remain in Christ is to die with him (Luke 9:23; Matt 16:24; John 12:24-26). You are not yet living a Christian life until you have died with Christ. A man who is in Christ has a clean heart. Yet, it is his responsibility to guard against thoughts and things that could defile. It is what comes out of you that defiles, not what come into you (Matt 15:11) Are you been disparaged or belittled, Jesus was, yet he sinned not (Eph 4:26; 4:20; Heb 4:15) He was even called Beelzebub (an evil spirit, an enemy of God!), but see his response in John 8:45-49. Brethren, what worse thing can we be called?

The New Heart

You have a new heart, yet you need to renew your mind. You have a new heart and that is why the devil will come to tempt you. The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy. Watch it when you are ascending spiritually. This is when temptations increase because you think you stand. Realize that you are still in warfare. Do not forget to pray for your heart everyday. Put your heart before God and xray your motives. When you are so sensitive to your heart in that way, you will always know the state of your heart and never fail. This was the secret of David. This is why he could see into the heart of God, Psalm 45:1, Psalm 110:1. For God to call him a man after my heart, his pursuit was the heart of God. He did not desire the throne, or the nations. He chased after God. May this be our testimony, in Jesus name. Amen.

Practical Action Steps

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2. When faced with a temptation, or unjust treatment, see what Christ did when faced with similar affliction and emulate him. Be encouraged and strengthened by this scripture, Heb 4:15.
3. To be a disciple of Christ is to be disciplined in him. (1 Cor 9:27)
4. Pray for your heart and guard it everyday. Use the scriptures to pray - Psalm 139:23; 45:1; 51:10; Ezekiel 36:26)