





Scripture's view of the heart:

1. Life's highest priority...

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:4 & 5; Mark 12:29

2. The heart is our decision making center.

“Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years... in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”

Deuteronomy 8:2

3. The heart is the seat of our will.

“So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.”

Nehemiah 4:6

4. The center of our praise.

“I will praise you, O LORD , with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.”

Psalm 9:1

5. The center of our passion and desire.

“My heart grew hot within me,
and as I meditated, the fire burned...”

Psalm 39:3

“... my heart leaps for joy
and I will give thanks to him in song.”

Psalm 28:7

6. The seat of our hopes and dreams.

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

Proverbs 13:12

7. The heart is conflicted.

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

Psalm 86:11

**“The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.**

Who can understand it?”

Jeremiah 17:9

**“Above all else, guard your heart,
for it is the wellspring of life.”**

Proverbs 4:23

**“He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.”**

Psalm 147:3

Strategies from the father of lies:

1. “The heart is wicked and not to be trusted.”

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach the good news, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners”

Isaiah 61:1

“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.”

Ezekiel 11:19

“I will give you a new heart...” **Ezekiel 36:26**

“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;”

1 Corinthians 6:19

Lie #2:

**“Your heart is a fragile thing – pack it
away”**

Lie #3:

“There are no strategies or lies.”

**“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon
you... Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;”**

Isaiah 60:1-5a

Practical steps:

1. Recognize the battleground
2. Claim the truth
3. Ask God for a new heart
4. Enlist your heart in the battle