

# Heart of Hearts

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What kind of **heart** do you have? That is what we are going to talk about today. In today's sermon we will explore the heart of a Christian.

Sharon and I have had the privilege of being a part of quite a few large and very large congregations through the years. That is a lot of people to know and love. And you brethren, you've been to combined Holy Day services of two thousand brethren, or Feast of Tabernacles assemblies of four thousand or more worshippers... I've only heard the stories of fifteen thousand attendees at Big Sandy, TX – but those were the glory days we longed to see. But those days are gone now – and sadly, I doubt if I'll see them again in this lifetime.

God has allowed all that to go away – so that all we can do now is sort through the memories of wonderful fellowship – where there were so many brethren we could not get around to everyone – even to say 'hello.' In the world tomorrow we will be called upon as witnesses of what we experienced – the good and the bad. And **the bad** came and displaced the large numbers, and the happy faces, but one thing that **the bad** could never do is to eradicate the **Good**.

The bad brought in every unclean and abominable heresy. But we were able to escape the bad – because God delivered us. We came out of the bad...

2Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

2Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Matthew 16:18 Jesus said ... I will build my church; and the gates of the grave shall not prevail against it. [The Church of God will never die out.]

The Church Jesus built is still alive and well – the good has not been destroyed by the bad. And it never will. But God is certainly allowing us to go through a different phase.

In the same way that ancient Israel could not leave Egypt entirely behind them – but took some of Egypt with them through the Red Sea... The Church of God took too much of Pasadena with it – when it left.

Today, the brethren are scattered, and Christ's doctrine is also scattered and under attack. There are so many strange doctrines to contend with. The kind of Christians we are today is different from the kind of Christians we were when we supported by hundreds and thousands of brethren. Today we live in a very hostile environment.

Not only is the world a dangerous place, there are those with whom we rub shoulders every Sabbath who may not be on the same page that we are on.

We are told that many are called but few chosen— Why is that? It is because God too, is making a distinction as to who those are **who are His** – and those who are not. It is because some who seem to be in God's Church are not at all. Let's look briefly at three parables of Jesus Christ. You know them well.

Matthew 22:1 And Jesus answered and spoke unto them again by parables, and said,

Matthew 22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

**Many** turned up their noses at the invitation... only a **few** were prepared.

Matthew 22:8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

Matthew 22:10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

Matthew 22:11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

He did not have on white raiment which is the righteousness of the saints...

Matthew 22:12 And the king saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Matthew 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

That parable is a clear warning to us to be circumspect. Not everyone who goes to Sabbath services will go – locked arm and arm – shoulder to shoulder into the Kingdom.

We are informed that that not everyone we attend church services with is a “**wise virgin**.” Some are foolish virgins—but they look the same as everyone else.

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Matthew 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom **comes**; go ye out to meet him. [Jesus is going to return soon.]

Matthew 25:10 And while the foolish virgins went to buy oil, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Matthew 25:11 Afterward came also the [foolish virgins], saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Matthew 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

God describes our surroundings as being made up of **wheat and tares**.

When asked, “Who sowed these tares among the wheat,” Jesus said unto them:

Matthew 13:28 An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Matthew 13:29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Why not work for a perfect purified Church in which to grow spiritually?

In 3John we know that Diotrephes cleaned house by throwing the good Christians out – what a travesty. How would you clean up a congregation like that? How would you remove the tares? You could not.

Matthew 13:30 Let both [wheat and tares] grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles **to burn them**: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The wheat and tares are to grow together, and God says don’t even try to uproot them? Do we examine ourselves and ask, “Am I a tare among the wheat, or am I wheat among the tares (Matthew 13)?

We are told that the angels will separate the tares, "them which do iniquity," from the wheat, "the children of the Kingdom."

Here is the interesting thing. God says to let that **mixed** congregation coexist with one another, and do not do anything to clean it up. What are we to learn with that information? Again, the answer is clear – not everyone who is expecting to go in with Christ will be able to do so. That is a loving warning. **What is the** determining factor as to who will be chosen?

Psalm 15:1 A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Jesus does not say to us, That is for me to know and you to find out. No! He tells us the answer now. And He says it is a matter of the **heart** as to who will be in His Tabernacle.

Psalm 15:2 He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and **speaks the truth in his heart.**

Today's sermon is about how to **speak the truth in your heart**. In Greek 'heart' is the word, 'kardia.' It is still used widely today as in **cardiovascular** —meaning related to the heart. In fact, in Latin the word for heart is 'cor.' That is where we get the word "courage" which means from driven from the heart. The word **courage** means strong-of-heart, strength of mind. Definition of courage. : **mental** or **moral** strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.

Brethren, what is in your **heart of hearts**? Do you ever evaluate yourself and really examine all your motivations for the things you say and do?

Ask yourself this question, "Who am I?" Do I have my wedding garment - which is the righteousness of the saints, Or will I be cast out into outer darkness? (Matthew 22)

Am I one of the foolish virgins who is not prepared To whom God will say "*I know you not!*" (Matthew 25)?

"Am I wheat among the tares, or a tare among the wheat, who God will bind in bundles **to burn them** (Matthew 13)?

Matthew 13:19 When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catches away that which was **sown in his heart.**

Again, why does God allow this hostile environment of false ministers, unconverted brethren, and every other trial and temptation to persist – and go on all the time?

The answer to that question is, "That is where true Christians are to build Godly Character." God allows men to be in situations where he is required to make choices. He does that so that we can learn to stand – so that we can build character. It is just like it was with Adam and Eve, choices were put before them. God is not putting us in a perfect environment.

Will we choose God's way? What does our heart tell us to do? As a man thinks in his heart – so he is. Because of trials and difficulties we are given ample opportunity to grow spiritually and in Godly Character.

The most important spiritual accomplishment for us in this life is the development of Godly Character.

In these precarious last days we are beset with *trouble on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.*" (2Corinthians 4:8-9)

It seems that everyone believes he is a wise virgin—everyone believes he is wheat and not a tare—and everyone believes he is dressed in the white wedding garment of righteousness.

Can we trust our **heart of hearts** to tell us if we are off base? God has a great deal to tell us about the subject.

1Samuel 16:7 ...the LORD sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks on the heart.**"

There is an answer to the old question, "Who am I?" Am I the person **others** think I am? Am I the person **I think** I am? The answer is, I am the person **God knows** I am.

That is because, "All the ways of a man are clean **in his own eyes**; but the Lord weighs his motives." (Proverbs 16:2)

"O Lord, know me: thou hast seen me, and **tried mine heart** toward thee." (Jeremiah 12:3)

None of us wishes to believe that we cannot trust our own heart and our own motivations – but over and over God gives us stern warnings. Could it be **because we fool** ourselves, and **only** God knows us?

Our human nature is not to be trusted—we are not naturally good. Jesus said that it is the thoughts we **permit** to go **into our hearts** that defile us, (Mark 7:17-21) We will see that a little later in the sermon.

God knows who we really are.

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and **known me.**" (Psalm 139:1)

We think to ourselves, "I know **my heart.**" And yet, God says, "Do not be so sure that you know it." Is it possible to have an evil heart and not know it?

Jeremiah 7:24 (11:8) But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their **evil heart**, and went backward, and not forward.

All too many people in God's Church do not believe this Scripture applies to them, but Jesus says through inspiration to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 17:9 The **heart is deceitful** above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:10 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."

When we think that God's way needs to be suspended for a certain time until we work something out – we gravely deceive ourselves. Joseph W Tkach was used to saying that he would take care of such-n-such a problem if God would just turn his head and close his eyes for five minutes. We are on dangerous ground when we think that that we must go around God. When we do go around God we are doing grave damage to our **heart, conscience, spirit**, and **ourselves**—it always **sears** our conscience (1Timothy 4:2).

1Timothy 1:5 Now the end of [God's] Commandment is Godly love out of a **pure heart**, and of a **good conscience**, and of faith unfeigned:

Psalm 44:21 "Shall not God search this out? For He knows the **secrets of the heart.**"

Let's talk about **our heart** for a moment:

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a **broken heart**; and saves such as be of a **contrite spirit**.

The title of today's sermon is "Heart of Hearts." What does that mean? It is as if our heart had a heart of its own. Our heart is the deep seat of our emotions – it is at the core and origin of our intimate thoughts – the source of our intellect. Our heart defines our identity—who we are.

The heart is much more than our **mind** of facts and calculations.

Our heart is the well-spring and fountain of our feelings, conscience, identity, and reason for existing—as the French would say - *raison d'etre*. That is the "heart" the Bible speaks of.

Let me ask you some probing questions, brethren. Do you know your own heart? What makes you who you are? What motivates you?

Is it to have fun and friends? Is it to get ahead? Is it to out-do others? Is it to do what I want to do? Is it your work? Is it to get out of the work you hate? Is it to have security that motivates your choices? What makes you tick? God says that He is to come first [First Commandment] before family and life itself.

I'm throwing these questions out there in order to help you to know your own heart. When is everything going "**good**" for you? Is it when you have your way? Is it when you receive recognition?

John 4:34 Jesus said unto them, My meat [food, most motivating factor, *raison d'etre*] is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Brethren, how much is God's will our very motivation in all that we do?

Our Christianity is not being a part of an organization. It is not something you do on Saturday for a few hours.

Yes, we are a part of the Body of Christ. Yes we were baptized into the Spirit of God. There is choice all around us – do we exercise that Spirit in all that we do. Our heart must be kept pure and true. Do you have the heart of a young child? Innocent, pure, teachable, genuine, trusting ...

Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, **Unless you be converted**, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

A good heart must be the vessel of all that is to be cherished: Such attributes as tenderness and lovingness, kind sentiment, touching compassion... Jesus was tenderhearted...

John 11:35 **Jesus wept.**

Are our hearts filled with sensitivity, empathy and always sympathetic, forgiveness and cheerful, caring and affectionate, generosity and attentiveness, gentle feelings, warm affections, and **tenderheartedness**. We cultivate these **good treasures** of the heart.

Jesus says that our heart is to be filled with these **good treasures**. The Bible warns us against having a heart filled with **evil treasure**. Our **heart** reveals our reputation – who we are:

Luke 6:45 "A good man out of the **good treasure** of his **heart** brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the **evil** treasure of his **heart** brings forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

What is the **treasure of your heart**?

Romans 2:5 But, after thy **hardness** and impenitent heart, **treasures** up unto thyself **wrath** against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Job 41:24 His heart is as **firm as a stone**; yea, as **hard** as a piece of the nether **millstone**.

As Moses and Israel passed through the land:

Deuteronomy 2:30 The Lord thy God hardened [Sihon king of Heshbon's] **spirit**, and made his **heart obstinate**, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appears this day.

Zechariah 7:12-Yea they made their hearts as an **adamant stone**.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon [Magus] saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them **money**,

Acts 8:19 Saying, Give me also this **power**, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 8:21 Thou hast neither **part nor lot** in this matter: for thy **heart is not right** in the sight of God.

So the question is: Is **my heart right** in the sight of God.

How can someone who is cruel or **hard hearted** become compassionate and right with God? Is our **heart right** with God?

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection [**set your heart**] on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. [speaking of baptism and conversion]

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify [kill the evil things in our heart] therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Those are **evil** treasures of the heart.

Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Colossians 3:7 In the which ye also **walked some time, when ye lived in them**.

We were the children of disobedience. Has our heart been rid of, **purified** of all things ungodly? Are we fully converted?

Paul realized that there were church members that nourished **hatred in their hearts** – like it was some potted plant that needs watering every day – they just nourish their hatred continuously.

Colossians 3:8 But now ye also **put off** all these; anger, wrath, **malice**, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after **the image of Him** that created him:

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God **rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Believe it or not, we have a really hard time coming completely out of the ways of this world – Jesus explains:

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve **two masters**: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

You cannot have one foot in the **world** and one in the **truth** of God.

Luke 16:14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but **God knows your hearts**: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Do we believe that God knows our heart better than we do?

2Chronicles 6:3 And [King Solomon] turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

2Chronicles 6:4 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying,

2Chronicles 6:30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only **know the hearts** of the children of men:)

2Chronicles 6:31 That they may **fear thee, to walk in thy ways...**

Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD ponders [weighs] the hearts.

In God's Church today we have many brethren who possess a **fearful heart**. They fear the ministry. They fear being put out. They fear ridicule of their friends...

John 9:22 These words spoke his parents, because they **feared** the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be **put out** of the synagogue.

When Jesus healed the blind man - his folks **feared** being put out of the synagogue - more than they feared God.

Brethren, we need not have fearful hearts.

Isaiah 35:4 Say to them that are of a **fearful heart**, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and **save you**.

Mean hearted, vengeful people are not being Christian;

Proverbs 11:20 They that are of a **foward heart** are abomination to the Lord: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

It is true, we are compassed on every side with all kinds of false doctrine – people straying – tossed and turned by every wind of doctrine.

**Remember, those things come from without and cannot affect our hearts.**

We cannot blame others if our heart is not right with God.

We might want to say, "It is because of all those bad ministers we had in Worldwide.

Jesus said that it is the thoughts that we **permit** to go **into our hearts** that **defile** us.

Mark 7:15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

Mark 7:16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

Mark 7:17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

Mark 7:18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from **without** entereth into the man, it **cannot** defile him;

We cannot lay the blame on others.

Mark 7:19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

But, what do we do – what do we say – what do we stand for?

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which comes out of the man, **that defiles** the man.

Mark 7:21 For from within, **out of the heart** of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

Mark 7:22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Mark 7:23 All these **evil things** come from within, and defile the man.

God has a heart – you need this verse in your notes:

Genesis 8:20 And Noah built an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said **in His heart**, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of **man's heart is evil** from his youth;

King David repented and prayed:

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

Psalm 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a **contrite heart**, O God, thou wilt not despise.

We understand with our heart.

Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should **understand with their heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

As we rapidly approach the end time, consider this:

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all **thy heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Conversion is a change of heart.

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them **one heart**, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the **stony heart** out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Jesus says, because of the **hardness of your hearts...**

Ezekiel 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and **make you a new heart** and a new **spirit**: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 36:26 A **new heart** also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the **stony heart** out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Isaiah 29:13 (Jesus Christ-Mark 7:6) Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but **have removed their heart** far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Jesus Christ said:

Luke 8:15 But that [seed] on the good ground are they, which in an **honest and good heart**, having heard the word, **keep it**, and bring forth fruit with patience.

We have been called by God - He has opened our hearts:

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Acts 28:27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and **understand with their heart, and should be converted**, and I should heal them.

Paul said:

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my **heart's desire** and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Paul speaks so often from the heart!

2Corinthians 2:4 For out of much **affliction and anguish of heart** I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the **love** which I have more abundantly unto you.

Romans 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual **sorrow in my heart**.

Romans 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that **believes**.

What does believe mean? It means more than, "to know that it is true." Belief means to "fully accept and make it a part of our **heart of hearts**."

To believe Jesus means – to be like Him; to sacrifice ourselves as He did; to care about what He cared about; to make His every principle – my principles. That is why King David became a man after God's own heart:

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a **man after mine own heart**, which shall fulfill all my will.

Romans 10:5 For Moses describes the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaks on this wise, Say not in **thine heart**, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Romans 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

We don't have to go looking for Christ. If we are converted – Christ lives in us through His Spirit. His thoughts are becoming our thoughts.

Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is near you, even in thy mouth, and **in thy heart**: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Does **our heart** always tell us that God's way works – and we desire – with all our heart His will – without reserve?

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in your heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:10 For **with the heart** man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Genesis 15:6 And [Abraham] **believed** in the LORD; and He counted it to him for righteousness.

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever **believes** on him shall not be ashamed.

Hebrews 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence [Faith] and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Spirit says, **Today** if ye will hear his voice,

Hebrews 3:8 Harden not your **hearts**, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Hebrews 3:9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

Hebrews 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their **heart**; and they have not known my ways.

Hebrews 3:11 So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Hebrews 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you **an evil heart** of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

In almost the same vein:

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a **true heart** in full assurance of **faith**, having our **hearts** sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. [So that we will have **a heart of belief.**]

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; **and purify your hearts**, ye double minded.

James 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Rid yourselves of the evil treasures of your heart—and fill it with God's good treasures.

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, **tenderhearted**, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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