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You cannot trust your own heart, it will lead you astray. **Proverbs 28:26** says “He who trusts in his own **heart** is a fool.” The person who trusts in his own heart is looking within himself, thinking he is good, that he cannot lead himself astray, that all of this decisions are right.

But the heart is so wicked and deceitful, it will cause you to live as if there is no God. You will ignore God, you will not think of your duty to “love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (**Matthew 22:37**).

As the fool trusts in his own heart, that heart will lead him to reject God. “The fool has said in his **heart**, ‘There is no God’” (**Psalms 53:1**).

Your heart is your worst enemy. It is so wicked that you cannot understand why you do what you do. Out of it proceeds every evil and sin. It is so corrupt that you cannot love God as you are commanded to do. And your wicked heart will tell you that there is no God.

Your heart has led you into great sin and will bring you to judgment. “Because of your stubbornness and unrepentant **heart**, you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God who will render to each person according to his deeds” (**Romans 2:5,6**).

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“The **hearts** of the sons of men are full of evil and insanity is in their **hearts** throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead” (**Ecclesiastes 9:3**). This is a terrifying picture, and it is true of you. You live your life apart from God in the evil and insanity of your sin, and then you die. You will face Jesus Christ for your judgment, be found guilty of your sinful deeds and of rejecting Jesus Christ and be thrown into the Lake of Fire where you will suffer for all of eternity.

If you knew that your physical heart was bad, you would go to your doctor. He would examine the heart and tell you that he needs to take out your old heart and put in a new one. You would not delay.

The spiritual heart you are born with hates Jesus Christ and has no desire to love Him, serve Him, or worship Him. When God brings a person to Jesus Christ for salvation, He gives that person a new spiritual heart to repent and place their faith in Jesus Christ to be forgiven of their sins and receive eternal life, and then to love, serve and worship Jesus Christ for the rest of their life.

Look at yourself and be honest. Do you love Jesus Christ? Do you desire to daily live for Jesus Christ, to follow what He says, and to worship Him with all of your life. If not, it is a sure sign that your heart has never been made new by God, that you are lost in your sins and on your way to hell. If you face Jesus Christ on Judgment Day in your current condition, you will be judged as guilty, be condemned to an eternity in the Lake of Fire, and thrown in there where you will suffer untold agony for eternal ages without end.

God gave His Son Jesus Christ to save sinners. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life” (**John 3:16**). Jesus Christ came and lived a perfectly righteous life that you and I could never live, and to die on the cross to satisfy God’s wrath against sinners and to pay the penalty for sins in the place of those who put their trust in Him. Go to God in prayer now! Ask Him to forgive you for your sins because you trust that Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the dead for you, to purchase your salvation, give you eternal life and make you brand new! “How will you escape if you neglect so great a salvation” (**Hebrews 2:3**).

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