

Doctrine of Your Heart

1. Circumcise or cut away the foreskin of your heart so that you are not stiff-necked or stubborn in the sight of God.
 - *Deuteronomy 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked.*
2. When your heart loves the Lord, then the Lord God will give rain for the land allowing good crops to be produced.
 - *Deuteronomy 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*
3. Be careful that your heart is not deceived.
 - *Deuteronomy 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;*
4. The words of God are to be laid up in your heart.
 - *Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.*
5. God will test your heart to see if you love Him.
 - *Deuteronomy 13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*
6. Care must be taken to serve the Lord God with all your heart.
 - *Joshua 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.*
7. Incline your heart towards the Lord God by putting away every strange god or idol.
 - *Joshua 24:23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.*

8. It is possible to turn your heart towards the Lord even after acts of great wickedness.

- *1 Samuel 12:20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart;*

9. Serve the Lord in truth in your heart after you consider all the great things the Lord God has done for you.

- *1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.*

10. Let your heart be perfect with the Lord God by walking in His statutes and by keeping His commandments.

- *1 Kings 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.*

11. Do not let the false religion of other nations turn your heart from the Lord God.

- *1 Kings 11:2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.*

12. By an exercise of the will set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord God.

- *1 Chronicles 22:19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.*

13. It is possible for your heart to live forever.

- *Psalms 22:26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.*

14. Your heart will be strengthened as you hope or trust in the Lord.

- *Psalms 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.*

15. Take time to pour out your heart before the Lord God.

- *Psalms 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.*

16. Do not place your heart upon riches or wealth.

- *Psalms 62:10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.*

17. Your heart will live as you seek God.

- *Psalms 69:32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.*

18. Do not harden your heart against God by getting angry with Him when the difficulties of life arise.

- *Psalms 95:8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*

19. When you think on the goodness of God your heart shall rejoice.

- *Isaiah 66:14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.*

20. If your heart is not circumcised of sinful behavior the Lord God will come forth in judgment.

- *Jeremiah 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.*

21. You will find the Lord God when you search for Him with all your heart.

- *Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

22. Fearful rumors concerning national disasters can cause your heart to faint.

- *Jeremiah 51:46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.*

23. According to gospel command turn your heart towards the Lord God with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

- *Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:*

24. Rend or tear your heart in gospel repentance and turn to the Lord God who promises to be gracious and merciful.

- *Joel 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

25. Do not imagine evil in your heart.

- *Zechariah 7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.*

26. Remember that where you invest your money shows where your heart is.

- *Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

27. The Lord will inquire if your heart has been hardened.

- *Mark 8:17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither understand? Have ye your heart yet hardened?*

28. It is because of the hardness of your heart the Law was given.

- *Mark 10:5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.*

29. Do not let your heart be troubled.

- *John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*
- *John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

30. It is possible for sorrow to fill your heart when sad news is received.

- *John 16:6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.*

31. Though your heart might know sorrow, it will yet know joy.

- *John 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

32. You should make gospel melodies in your heart as unto the Lord.

- *Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*

33. In your heart you should work as unto the Lord.

- *Ephesians 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.*