

What kind of heart do you have?

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Introduction

Heart is a very rich word in the English language.

Heart is a very rich word in the Hebrew as well.

The wide usage of *heart* in the Old Testament -

1. A contrast with the remainder of the person
2. The totality of the nature and character of man
3. Positive emotions
4. Love may be centered in the heart.
5. Loyalty resides in the heart.
6. Reception of comfort
7. Grief or regret resides in the heart.
8. The broken heart accompanies being oppressed.
9. Negative emotions
10. Idioms relating the heart to fear and bravery are numerous.
11. Thought functions may be attributed to the heart.
12. Wisdom and understanding are seated in the heart.
13. The heart is the seat of the will.
14. The heart is the seat of moral evil.

The Heart

1. The Happy Heart

a. A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance.

b. By sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

“The sorrow of the world works death.” Matthew Henry

Caution – Be careful that your godly sorrow does not progress to hurtful melancholy.

2. The Discerning Heart

a. The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge.

Matthew Henry – “If you say, ‘I have enough,’ you are undone.”

b. The mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

3. The Good Heart

a. The days of the afflicted are evil.

b. He who has a merry heart has a continual feast.

Statement – Real happiness is determined by the state of your heart and not the state of your circumstance.

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Happy Hearts

Discerning Hearts

Good Hearts