

# The “Heart” of Perception

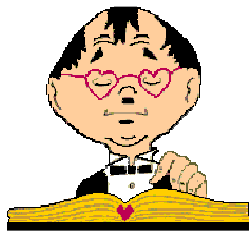
## Merriam-Webster Dictionary



### In layman's terms

- A : PERSONALITY, DISPOSITION <a cold **Heart**> b obsolete : INTELLECT c : the emotional or moral as distinguished from the intellectual nature: as a : generous disposition : COMPASSION <a leader with **Heart**> d : one's innermost character, feelings, or inclinations <knew it in his **Heart**> <a man after my own **Heart**>
3. The center of the total personality, esp. with reference to intuition, feeling, or emotion: In your “**Heart**” you know I'm an honest man.
  4. The center of emotion, esp. as contrasted to the head as the center of the intellect: His head told him not to fall in love, but his “**Heart**” had the final say.
  5. Capacity for sympathy; feeling; affection: His “**Heart**” moved him to help the needy.
  6. Spirit, courage, or enthusiasm: His “**Heart**” sank when he walked into the room and saw their gloomy faces.
  7. The innermost or central part of anything: Notre Dame stands in the very “**Heart**” of Paris.
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## The “Heart” of the Bibles Interpretation



The Word of God often identifies a “hard **Heart**” as the reason for people failing to perceive spiritual truth.

Isaiah 6:9-10 He said, “Go and tell this people: ‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’ Make the “**Heart**” of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their **Hearts**, and turn and be healed.”

Mark 8:17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your **Hearts** hardened?”

*Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their **Hearts** (Emphasis mine).*

*Why the **“Heart”** is critical in the perception and understanding of spiritual truth becomes obvious when we grasp the meaning of the term. In biblical thought, the **“Heart”** includes that part of us that processes information and reaches conclusions:*

*1 Kings 3:9 so give your servant a discerning **“Heart”** to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. . . .*

*Proverbs 2:2. . . Applying your **“Heart”** to understanding*

*Proverbs 14:33 Wisdom reposes in the **“Heart”** of the discerning. . .*

*Proverbs 15:14 the discerning **“Heart”** seeks knowledge. . .*

*Matthew 9:4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your **Hearts**? . . .”*

*Ephesians 1:17-18 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your **“Heart”** may be enlightened. . .*

*Given the importance of the **“Heart”** in understanding anything, here is a truth that haunts me:*

*Jeremiah 17:9 the **“Heart”** is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

*How disturbing it is to consider that the **“Heart”** is the human factor most critical in determining one’s ability to understand, and yet it is treacherously unreliable! We have parts of us deep within that – ably assisted by our spiritual enemy, the Deceiver – are in constant danger of deceiving not just other people, but ourselves.*

*Psalms 36:2 for in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.*

*Proverbs 30:12. . . Are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth*

*Proverbs 16:25 there is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*

*We keep tending to think that it is only non-Christians whose **“Heart”** deceives them. This is most certainly not so:*

*Revelation 3:17 you say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.*

*1 Corinthians 4:4-5 my conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s **“Hearts”**. . . .*

*Proverbs 16:2 All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.*

*1 John 3:20 whenever our "Hearts" condemn us for God is greater than our Hearts, and he knows everything.*

*How difficult it is to get in touch with what is deep within us is perhaps hinted at in this Scripture:*

*Deuteronomy 8:2 Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your Heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. (Emphasis mine) Moreover, Bible readers are particularly open to self-deception.*

*James 1:22 do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. . . . (Emphasis mine)*

*There is nothing like head knowledge of Scripture for so blinding us with pride that we suppose we have arrived when we haven't left the starting blocks.*

*1 Corinthians 8:1. . . Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Both knowledge and love make a person seem bigger but one is nothing but hot air. Love is manifested by putting Bible knowledge into practice:*

*John 14:15 if you love me, you will obey what I command.*

*Romans 13:9 the commandments are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*



*What do you have in your Heart? What are your true feelings? Are you genuine? Are your intentions good? What kind of labor is your "Heart" doing? Is it laboring to take revenge? Is it plotting evil and hatefulness? Is it envying? Is your "Heart" laboring to selfishly use people?*

*"(1 Peter 1:19-23 KJV)*

*A "pure "Heart" is a matter of setting the right priorities in this temporary physical life, so to make it to eternal life:*

*(Matthew 6:19-21 KJV)"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your "Heart" be also."*

Sometimes we plot things and may never do the deed but remember because you have not done the actual deed does not mean you will not reap the rewards from it. If you have evil intent in your heart the deed is done in God's eyes. This is done because the plan is conceived in the heart, the eye of the soul. If you keep evil in your heart long enough you will eventually perform the evil deed. Consider this; when it is time to reap the fruits of your **"Heart"** what will yours be harvested?

*Jer 17: 10--- NIV*

*I, the Lord, search the **Heart**, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. How much plainer can this be? God says He rewards us according to the "fruits of our doings" meaning the rewards received because of what we do, however before He rewards us, He test the mind and the **"Heart"** to see if what we have done was intentional. Then He rewards us according to that. This is the payback principle of God.*

*Ge 6:5 ---NKJV*

*Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his **"Heart"** was only evil continually. There are many people who are considered good people, they act as if they are serving God, they know of God. These are people others see as people of God. However they fail the sacrifice test. God knows where their **"Heart"** rest on. Their **"Hearts"** is set on the things they have and on the things they want to do their way when they want to do it.*

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*The fruits of your **"Heart"** are you fruitfully genuine? Are your intentions fruitfully good or fruitlessly bad? The crop depends on you alone, **"Only if you believe, can you perceive into a perception appeared, otherwise be a-feared, because what you Sow is what you Grow, shall you Reap"** So sayeth of the **"Lords"** scriptures.*

### **RE: Enjoying the fruits of your labor:**

*You might need to read the passage about "abundance" **John 10:10 "I came that you might have life and might have IT more abundantly!"***

*He's talking about life, not about material possessions. "Out of his belly shall flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER" ... NOT rivers of stuff.*

*I'm not arguing that we should be poor ... but I am saying that **God** decides what is best for each one of us and sometimes that may mean that we must struggle for our living. It's not our place to demand "abundance" from **God** because, **God** is NOT a vending machine where you can put in your "confessions" (or prayers, for that matter) and out pops whatever it is you choose to request, but Some people can't think beyond the gridlock of their imagination into a dichotomy of confusion, others the figment of clouds of elusions into a submissive detrimental complacency of order and the rest, just plain greed of it all for understanding what "The **"Heart"** of Perception" is really all about, thus rust!*

**Significant conformation to "The **"Heart"** of the Matter - is the **"Integrity"** of the **"Heart"****

