



Living From a Full Heart
John 12:21-27

Jesus and the Four Aspects of His Heart

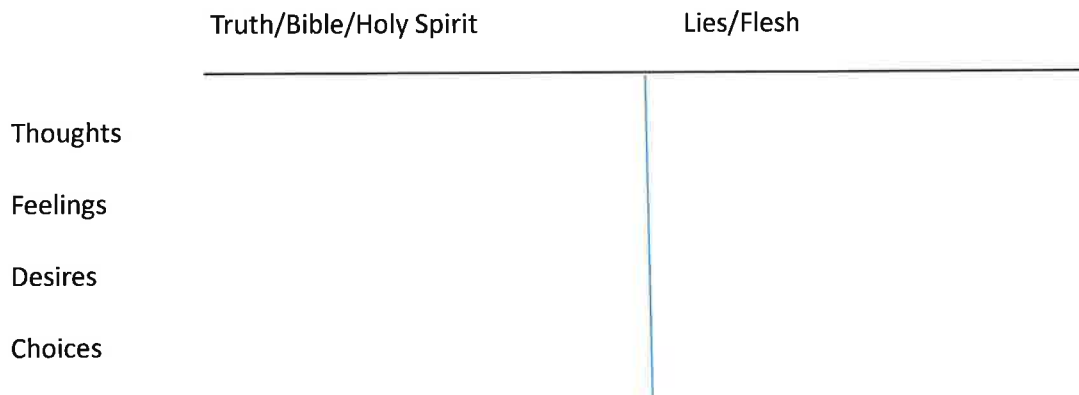
- The “heart”, biblically, is the totality of someone’s being.
- God has four aspects to His heart
- Jesus has four aspects to His heart
 - Aspect 1 – Jesus THINKS
 - Isaiah prophesied that people from the Islands (including the Greeks) would seek the Messiah (Is. (41:1, 5; 42:4,10,12; 49:1; 51:5; 59:18; 60:9; 66:19).
 - John 12:21-22 – The Greeks seek out Jesus
 - John 12:23 - As a result, Jesus **THINKS** about His death. Vs 23, **“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”**
 - Aspect 2 – Jesus FEELS
 - As He thinks about His death he becomes “troubled” (perplexed and agitated). Vs. 27, **“Now my soul is troubled.”**
 - His thoughts about His being betrayed, beaten, mocked, scourged, crucified, and separated from His Father cause Him to be perplexed and agitated.
 - Aspect 3 – Jesus Desires
 - Jesus’ is tempted toward the desire to run from His suffering. Vs. 27, **“Father save me from this hour?”**
 - Jesus deepest desire is to glorify His Father and His suffering and death accomplishes this desire. Vs. 27, **“But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”**
 - Aspect 4 – Jesus Chooses
 - We know from the rest of John that Jesus chooses to glorify His Father through His suffering and death.

Image Bearers and the Four Aspects of our Hearts

- As image bearers of God, we have four aspects to our hearts.
- As image bearers who are corrupted with sin and who are born again, we have two natures inside of us that are at war with one another.
 - The sin nature and the Holy Spirit are at WAR inside of us. Galatians 5:16-17, **“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed (in enmity with) to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”**
- Jesus has won the war for us and for God’s glory in His righteous life, His sinner’s death and in His resurrection.
 - Hebrews 4:15, He **“has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.”**
 - Hebrews 7:27, **“He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.”**
 - Galatians 5:1, **“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”**

- We have been set free from condemnation and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live godly lives. 1 Peter 1:3, ***“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.”***
- The GOAL is for us to be conformed to the image of Jesus.
 - Galatians 4:19, ***“...my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!”***
 - Galatians 2:20, ***“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.***
 - Romans 8:29-30, ***“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,***

Thoughts, Feelings, Desires, Choices



- Engage your heart and other’s hearts to determine whether or not you are aligned with the Truth/Bible/Holy Spirit or Lies/Flesh.
- Knowing the Bible and hiding it in your heart is CRUCIAL to help us live according the Truth.
- When we determine that our Thoughts, Feelings, Desires and Choice are aligned with Lies/Flesh, we Repent of our Pride, Unbelief and Self-absorption, in Faith believe the Gospel that we are Forgiven, clothed in Christ’s righteousness and are loved Infinitely and Permanently by God because of Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. We then surrender to the Holy Spirit and beg Him to align our Thoughts, Feelings, Desires and Choices with the Truth and ask Him to give us the strength to obey with joy.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, ***“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image of Christ from one degree of glory into another, for this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”***
- *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands*, by Paul Tripp, he says this: ***“We must know that the Bible is not primarily an encyclopedia of topics that help people, but the Bible is about God redeeming his people through the power of Jesus Christ. So, it’s a book of redemption, not just a self-help book. If my heart is the source of my sin problem, then lasting change must always pass through the pathway of my heart. So, it’s not enough to alter my behavior or change my circumstances; Christ transforms people by radically changing their hearts.”***