

Living an Examined Life

Easton's Bible Dictionary: According to the Bible,

- The heart is the center not only of spiritual activity, but of all the operations of human life**
- The heart is the "home of the personal life"**
- The heart is also the seat of the conscience**

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, keep your heart
with all **vigilance**, for from it
flow the springs of life.

OBLIVIOUS

AWARE

ALERT

ENGAGED

Luke 6:45 NLT A good person produces good things from the **treasury** of a good **heart**, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. **What you say flows from what is in your heart.**

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**“The head learns new things, but the heart
forever practices old experiences.”**

Henry Ward Beecher

James 3:2 (Amplified) For **we all stumble and sin in many ways. If anyone does not **stumble in what he says** [never saying the wrong thing], he is a perfect man [fully developed in character, without serious flaws], able to bridle his whole body and rein in his entire nature [taming his human faults and weaknesses].**

Deuteronomy 8:2 And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, **testing you to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Nehemiah 7:5 **Then my God put it into my heart**
to assemble the nobles and the officials and the
people to be enrolled by genealogy.

1 Kings 10:24 **And the whole earth sought the**
presence of Solomon to hear his **wisdom, which**
God had put into his mind.

2 Corinthians 8:16 **But thanks be to** **God, who put**
into the heart **of Titus the same** **earnest care** **I have**
for you.

“Surely what pops out before the man has time to put on a disguise is the truth. If there are rats in a cellar you are most likely to see them if you go in very suddenly. But the suddenness does not create the rats: it only prevents them from hiding. In the same way **the suddenness of the provocation** does not make me an ill-tempered man: it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am. The rats are always there in the cellar, but if you go in shouting and noisily they will have taken cover before you switch on the light.” C.S. Lewis

Larry Crabb, “God has placed powerful urges to do good in the deepest recesses of our regenerated hearts. That's what the new covenant is all about. Something wonderful and beautiful and resilient is within us that no abuse, rejection, or failure can ever destroy.”

“...God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill **your every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power.” 2 Thes. 1:11**

Questions:

What is the battle that is going on in my heart right now?

What is still left in the old treasury?

What has God put in my heart that I need to pursue or re-engage or continue in? (new ideas, new wisdom and new desires)

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