



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## All Your Heart

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### Scripture Passage

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.* Mark 12:30

Loving God with all your heart means that you are to love Him with the very center of your being. Many biblical experts believe the Hebrew origin for heart comes from the word center.

Another way to consider the meaning of this passage is to look at this way: Love the Lord with all your heart—that is your soul, mind, and strength.

It is clear that “heart” means many things according to how it is used. It can mean the organ, or our thinking, or our emotions, or our will, etc. The idea of the heart is found more than 1,000 times in the Bible. If we consider how we use the word in English it becomes evident that the shades of meaning seem to be endless.

How do we get our hearts right with God?

#### Broken Hearts

The heart that is right with God is a heart that has been broken or crushed. Our natural hearts are hard and not open to God’s leading.

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.* Psalm 51:17

#### Transparent Hearts

The Lord is not deceived by our outward appearances, but He clearly sees and knows our hearts.

*For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.* 1 Samuel 16:7

But, at the same time we are told to ask God to search our hearts.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!*  
Psalm 139:13-14

#### Our True Condition

*The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?* Jeremiah 17:9

#### New Hearts

The necessity is we must obtain a new heart.

*And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.* Ezekiel 11:19

When Jesus says, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God,” He is presenting this compilation of ideas. We have hard hearts of stone that must be turned to hearts of flesh. This is only accomplished by asking God to search us to reveal to us our true condition that is at enmity with God.

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### BIBLE STUDIES

LEGISLATORS: MONDAYS, 5:00 PM, ROOM 1425, LIGHT DINNER FOLLOWING STUDY

STAFF: MONDAYS, 12:00 NOON, CHAPEL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LB

# North Carolina

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Jesus came to Nicodemus with a command based upon the truth that Nicodemus had a hardened heart. He told Nicodemus that he must be born again. In other words, the heart of stone that is dead to God must be reborn into a heart of flesh that desires to know God, believe Him, and obey him.

Without a new heart we cannot obey the command of Jesus to love God from the center of our being. You need a whole heart to love God whole heartedly.

*so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* Ephesians 3:17-19

### Be on Guard

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

### Temporal Blessings

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6

### Danger of Luke Warm Hearts

Jesus offered a sharp rebuke to the church of Laodicea. It seems they were not as wicked or as errant as some other churches but, nevertheless

Jesus was not pleased. He was not satisfied with their so-so approach to their relationship with Him.

*“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”* Revelation 3:15-16

Jesus told them to repent of this condition and return to Him.

*“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”* Revelation 3:19-20

### Salvation

The one who hardens his heart does not fear the Lord and is in danger of making that a permanent condition

If we do not have pure hearts that love God, and are tuned to His voice, we are cut off from Him and without hope.

*Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.* Proverbs 28:14

Proverbs is suggesting that there is an “always” dimension to the one who fears the Lord. The “always” God fearer is forever blessed.

The one who hardens his heart faces calamity. Not just a bad day or a rough time, but an “always” calamity.