

D1: The Heart – A biblical survey of the heart.

This description of the heart begins with a description of the human condition apart from God's saving work (see the unmixed condition on your chart).

1. What is the heart? (From the NIDoNTT)

2. What can be said of the human heart from Scripture? It is:

- Genesis 6:5-6.
 - **An undivided heart in evil against God.**
- Proverbs 20:9.
 - **A heart beyond my cleansing.**
- Romans 2:5.
 - **An unrepentant heart storing up appropriate wrath.**
- Mark 3:5.
 - **A hardened heart which provokes Christ to anger and grief.**
- Isaiah 57:17.
 - **A heart that will not change under righteous anger's rod.**
- Matthew 15:1-20 (vv 18-20).
 - **A heart that defiles all of the man.**
- Hebrews 3:12.
 - **A heart that must be avoided at all costs.**

3. Is the sinner alert to his heart's devastating condition?

- Deuteronomy 11:13-17 (v. 16).
 - **The heart is easily deceived even when surrounded by blessing.**
- Jeremiah 17:9.
 - **The heart is an excellent deceiver.**
- Romans 16:17-19 (v. 18).
 - **The heart can be deceived by others.**
- James 1:26-27.
 - **The man himself can deceive his own heart.**

4. What standard has God called the heart to?

- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (v. 5); Matthew 22:36-38.

5. Does God see the heart's predicament?

- 1 Samuel 16:6-7.
- 1 Kings 8:37-40 (v. 39).
- 2 Chronicles 32:31
- Deuteronomy 8:1-2
- Psalm 44:17-22 (v. 21).
- Mark 2:6-8 (v. 8).

- Proverbs 24:11-12 (v. 12).
- Jeremiah 17:9-10.

6. What did God command sinners to do with such a heart?

God called sinners to do something about their own heart.

- Deuteronomy 10:12-16 (v. 16).
- Jeremiah 4:4, 14.
- Ezekiel 18:30-32 (v. 31).
- Joel 2:12-13.
- James 4:8.

7. What did God promise He would do for sinners with such a heart?

God promised to do for the sinner what the sinner could not do for his own heart.

- Deuteronomy 30:1-10 (v. 6).
- Psalm 51:10.
- Jeremiah 31:31-34 (v. 33); Hebrews 8:8-13; 10:15-18.
- Ezekiel 11:14-21 (v. 19-20).
- Ezekiel 36:22-32.
- Acts 2:36-39.

- Acts 15:6-11 (v. 9).

8. What has God provided for those trusting in Him to help them see their heart's condition?

- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (v. 6).
- Ezra 7:10.
- Psalm 19:7-11 (v. 8).
- Psalm 119:11, 34, 36, 111-112.
- Proverbs 3:1-2.
- Proverbs 6:20-24 (v. 21).
- Proverbs 7:1-3 (v. 3).
- Jeremiah 31:31-34 (v. 33); Hebrews 8:10; 10:16.
- Luke 8:9-15 (vv. 12, 15).
- Luke 24:25-27, 32.
- Hebrews 4:12.

If all of this is true:

Then what should my attitude, posture, stance toward my heart be?