

## 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?**