

# Forward

## At The Heart

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(Exodus 14:15) ... "Tell the people of Israel to go forward."

## The Heart Truth

(Matthew 15:19) "For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander."

(Proverbs 4:23) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

✓ God's goal is to change your heart.

(Ezekiel 36:26 NLT) And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

✓ He will never hesitate to convict you about unsubmitted areas.

(Proverbs 3:11-12) My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

✓ The most common area that Christians do not submit to God is finances.

(Haggai 1:5-7) Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

✓ God's blessings will only flow into areas that are fully submitted to Him.

(Proverbs 3:5-6) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Malachi 3:10) "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

## Heart Change

(Deuteronomy 30:10 CEV) But you must decide once and for all to worship Him with all your heart and soul and to obey everything in The Book of God's Law.

1. To deal with my selfish heart.

(James 3:14-16) But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

2. To deal with my grieving heart.

(1 Timothy 6:9-10) People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

3. To develop a generous heart.

(1 Timothy 6:18-19) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

4. To develop a grateful heart.

(2 Corinthians 9:12) This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

(John 13:17) "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

The most practical way to align my heart with God's is to put my treasure in His Kingdom.