

# LET YOUR HEART KEEP THE WORD

TEXT:	Proverbs 3:1-4
KEY VERSE:	Proverbs 3:1

My son, forget not my law;  
but let thine heart keep my  
commandments: Proverbs  
3:1

“Let your heart keep my commandments:”

“for out of it are the issues of life.”

-Proverbs 3:1, 4:23

It is my heart In which God is interested.<sup>1</sup> David's heart was after God's heart<sup>2</sup>. As a result, He followed God's commandments. Focus was on keeping his heart with all diligence; Obedience came naturally. In fact, The Holy Spirit will **cause** a heart that is submitted to him to walk in God's statutes.

<sup>6</sup> A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. Ezekiel 36:26-27

Notice how often in this passage that God says, “I will.” When we surrender our heart to the Holy Spirit, He causes us to walk in the statutes. It is all about him. He does all of this. That is why he says, “the just shall live by faith” four times, It is why he says, “Without faith it is impossible to please him.”<sup>3</sup> It is why he says, “whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”<sup>4</sup>

It is not doing, but believing that pleases God, because believing **causes** the doing that pleases Him. Ephesians 2: 8, 9 says that even faith is God's gift. Therefore, the only way we can please God is by using something that he gives us. Faith.

Our heart is deceitful and desperately wicked.

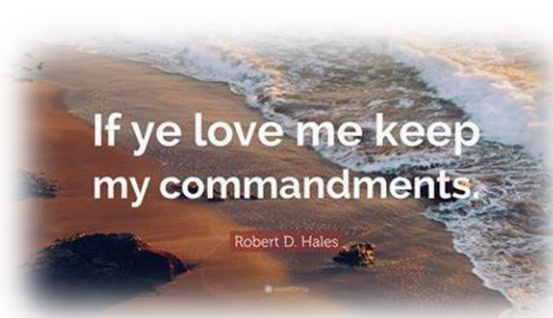
<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:  
who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9

<sup>1</sup> 1. Samuel. 13: 14., Acts. 13: 22.

<sup>2</sup> Acts 13: 22.

<sup>3</sup> Hebrews 11: 6.

<sup>4</sup> Romans, 14: 23.



It cannot produce any kind of offering that God can accept. The only offering our heart can give to God is what He has given to us. It must be given to us by His spirit because he is a spirit. We hear a lot of preachers quote Jeremiah 17:9, because it preaches good. Have you ever read Jeremiah 17:7, 8?

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. <sup>8</sup> For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sound familiar?

Psalms 1:3 is in the Bible four times in different forms. Why here?

It is the cure for the deceitful heart! Yeah! The man that trusts in the Lord will not follow his deceitful heart. He will have God's life in Him, causing him to produce fruit constantly.

- Disney says follow your heart.
- God said your heart is a liar.
- Don't trust your heart. Trust God.

The man who trusts God produces constant good fruit. The man who follows his deceitful heart will receive from the Lord the fruit of his doing, and in his end shall be a fool.

The only way to worship him is in spirit because only spirit is pure.

<sup>15</sup> By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15

*Do you see?*

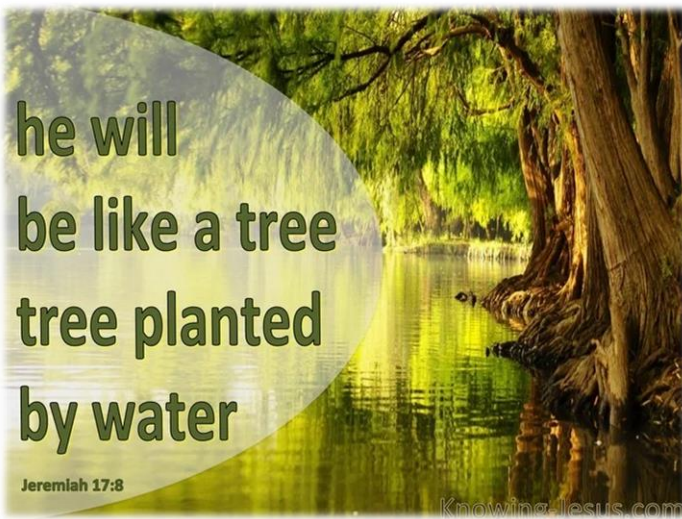
Even praise must be offered *by him*. It all must come from him.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:4-5

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22,23

It is not our fruit; it is the spirit's fruit. It is the fruit of the Spirit, not the good Christian.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: <sup>9</sup> (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Ephesians 5:8-9



Look at that! Anything that is good and righteous and true must have the Holy Spirit's fruit in it. In the next verse, it is how you prove what is acceptable to the Lord. And in the next, it is how you reprove the unfruitful works of darkness.

It is all done by the Spirit through us. We cannot do it. It must be his fruit!

1. Do not forsake the word of God.

2 Timothy 3: 15-17.

You cannot obey the word of God that you do not know. You must live your days and nights in this word.<sup>5</sup> Living in the Word taught by the Holy Spirit, writes that word on your heart in such a

way. That you do not require any human teacher to know God.<sup>6</sup>

2. Allow your heart to obey God's commandments

Proverbs 3:1

“Ears to hear” equals “good ground.”<sup>7</sup>—Matthew 13: 23, Ezekiel 36: 25-27, Jeremiah 31: 32, 33.

a. A willing heart chooses to obey.

It is the heart that obeys, not the flesh. The heart keeps the commandments.

b. And obedient heart causes the flesh to follow.

The spiritual governs the physical. That is why the Spirit-controlled heart obeys. Yielded to him, the Spirit causes us to keep his statutes.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>16</sup> This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.  
Galatians 5:16

*My heart is healthy when it is submitted to the Holy Spirit.*

*My works are obedient when my heart is healthy.*

**So, my priority is to keep my heart submitted to the Holy Spirit.**

God bless you,

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<sup>5</sup> Joshua 1: 8, Psalm 1: 3.

<sup>6</sup> Jeremiah 31: 33, 1 John 2: 27.

<sup>7</sup> [The spirit. -Revelation 2: 7, 11, 17, 29]

<sup>8</sup> Ezekiel. 36: 27.