

Search My Heart Lord

Utter Sincerity and Truthfulness

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Heart - “Lebab” The totality of man’s inner or immaterial being or nature. The conscience of man. The seat of the will and morality.

Psalms 139:23

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: (24) And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

- **Search** – to look into or over something carefully or thoroughly in an effort to find or discover something
 1. Know my heart –
 2. Try me, and know my thoughts
 3. See if any wicked way in me
- **Why the search?** -
 1. Lead me in the way of everlasting – his goal
 2. The revelation of any ungodliness gives him opportunity to confess it and pray for its removal
 3. *Psalm 51:10* Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.
- David started verse 1 off by saying God had already searched his heart and was familiar with all his ways. But as he continues and starts to pray about the wicked enemies of God, he comes back and begs God to search his own heart again.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is **deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked**: who can know it? (This is the heart of the unregenerate man) (10) I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

- The heart is:
 1. Deceitful above all things
 2. Desperately wicked (corrupt)
 3. Who can know it? (We think we know ourselves, but we really don’t)

Even after we are born again, we don’t know all that is within our hearts. Sometimes because we don’t want to do a close in-depth inventory, and other times because we haven’t been tested to reveal what’s in our hearts. (Peter’s denial of Christ and his hypocrisy in eating with the gentiles when his fellow Jews were not around)

I Chronicles 28:9 - for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts