

Drawing Close to God is a Matter of **HEART**

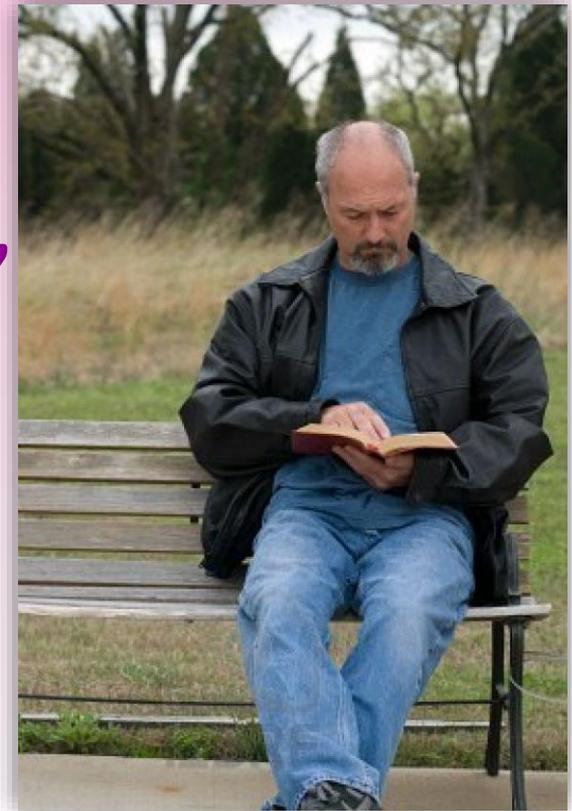
James 4:8

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Acts 8:13-23

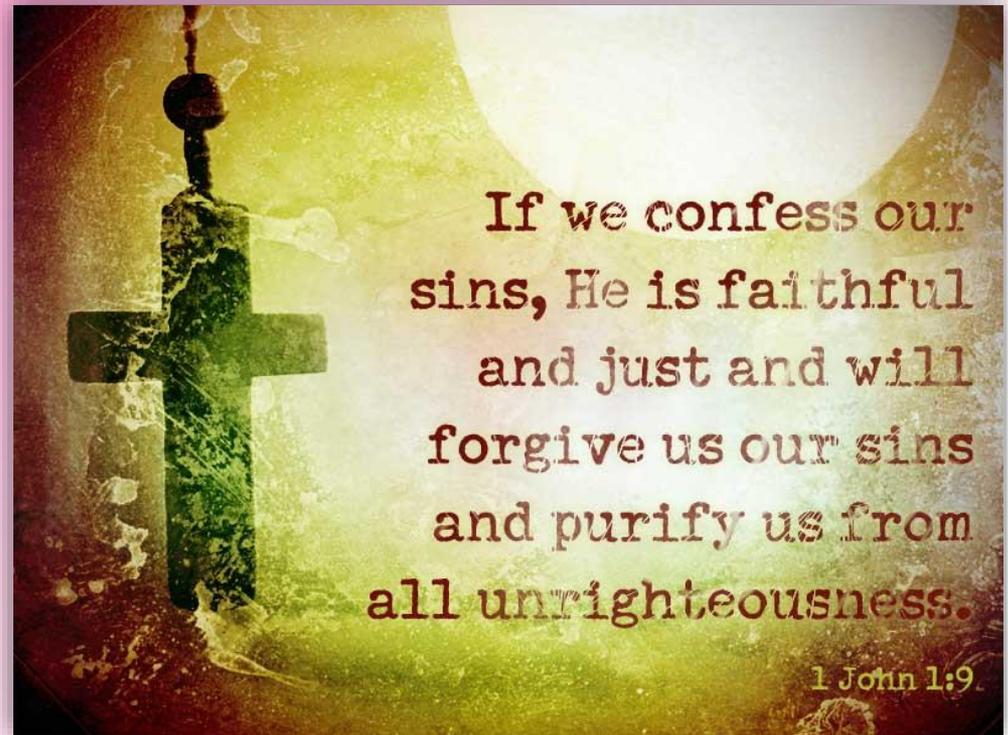
- **Be on guard against old weaknesses**
 - 1 Peter 5:8
 - Acts 8:9-10
- **Avoid getting an “evil heart”**
 - Jeremiah 17:9-10
 - Proverbs 4:23
 - Romans 2:5
 - Hebrews 3:8, 15
 - Hebrews 4:7



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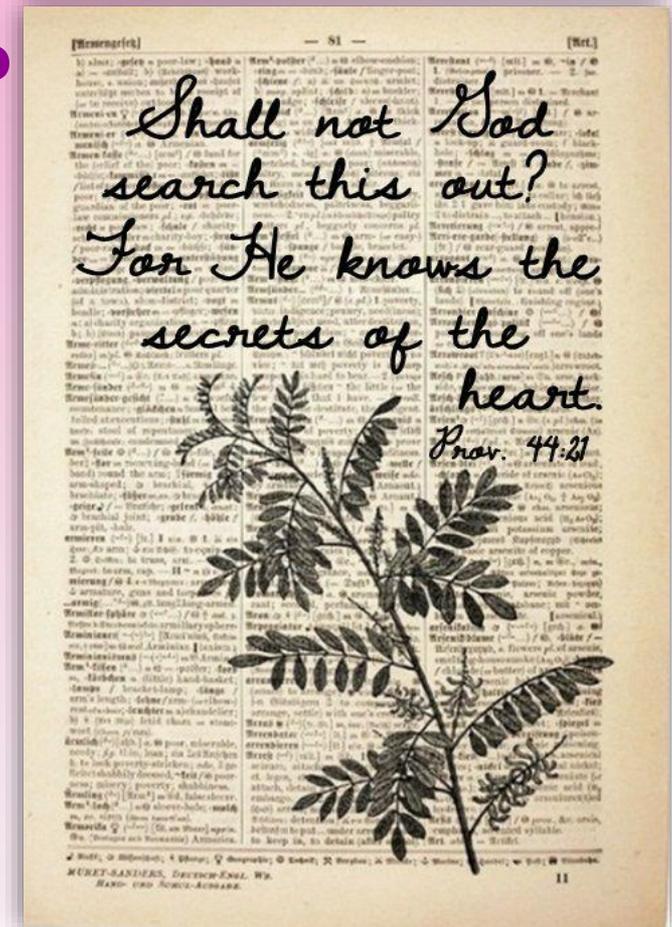
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- **Maintain a heart suitable for correction**
 - Luke 8:15
- **Repent and pray**
 - Acts 8:22



Depends on Our Heart

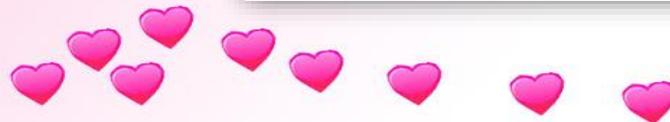
- Do we have an evil heart?
 - Hebrews 3:12
 - Hebrews 3:15
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5
- God knows all things
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8
 - Psalm 44:20-21



Depends on Our Heart

- **One can be self-condemned**
 - 1 John 3:19-20
- **Make corrections when needed**
 - Hebrews 10:22
- **Maintain pure hearts**
 - 1 Timothy 1:5
 - 2 Timothy 2:22

Create in me
a pure heart, O God,
 and renew a
steadfast
spirit within me.
- Psalm 51:10



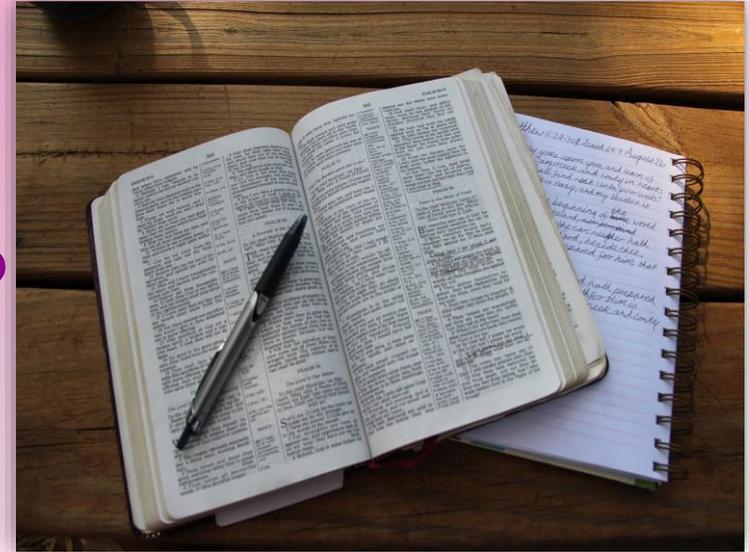
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“Forgiveness means you give up your right to revenge. You choose not to keep score or get even. Unforgiveness allows who we are to be defined by the hurts we’ve known and leads to a victim mentality, leaving us expecting to be hurt again. We become negative and defensive, and communication becomes impossible. Forgiveness releases us from past injustices, from keeping score and from lashing out at other people.”



When is Our Heart Not Right?

- Are services boring?
 - Psalm 122:1
- Do we love Bible study?
 - 2 Timothy 2:15
 - 1 Peter 3:15
- Do we enjoy being with each other?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33



When is Our Heart Not Right?

- Do we get upset when we are rebuked?
 - Proverbs 9:7-9
- Are we interested in souls?
 - Proverbs 11:30



How Can We Improve Our Hearts?

- Let wisdom reign
 - Proverbs 23:23
 - Colossians 3:16
- Feed our minds with wholesome things
 - Philippians 4:8
- Purpose to do good
 - Acts 11:23
 - Ezra 7:10

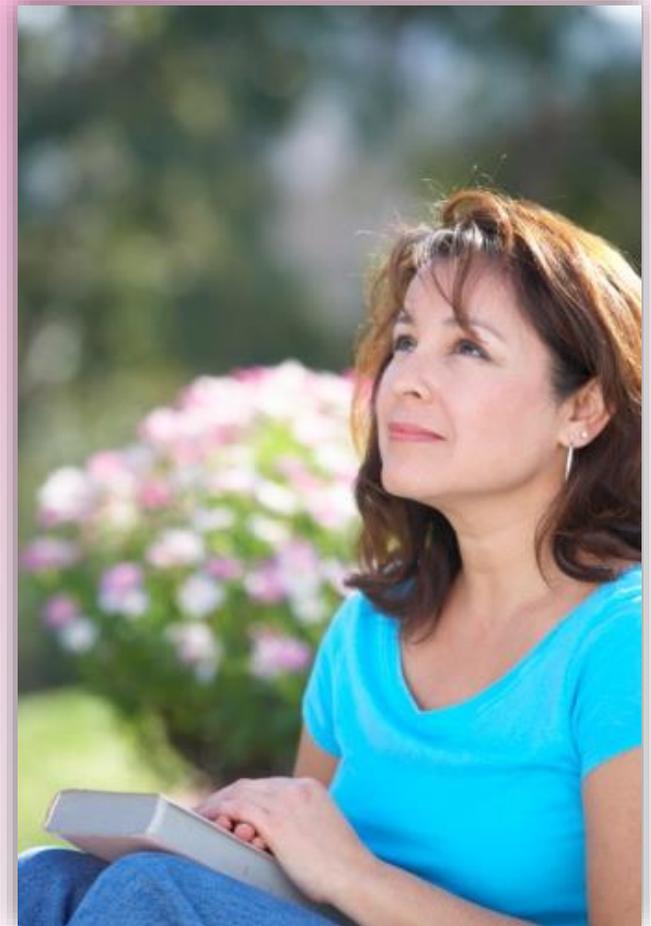
PHILIPPIANS 4:8
whatsoever things are
TRUE
whatsoever things are
HONEST
whatsoever things are
JUST
whatsoever things are
PURE
whatsoever things are
LOVELY
whatsoever things are
OF GOOD REPORT
if there be any virtue, if there be any praise
THINK ON THESE THINGS



How Can We Improve Our Hearts?

- Let joy reign in our hearts
 - Psalm 4:7-8
- Seek God fully
 - Psalm 34:8-10

*Taste & see
that the LORD is good.
How happy is the man
who takes refuge in
Him! Psalm 34:8*





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**Do we have the right
heart as to be able to
draw close to God?**

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