



THE BATTLE OF

HEART -&- **MIND**

JOHN 6:45

(cf. ISA. 54:13)

- “TAUGHT”—**INSTRUCTION**
- “HAS HEARD”—**RECEPTION**
- “HAS LEARNED”—**COMPREHENSION**
- “COMES TO ME”—**COMMITMENT**

THE **HONEST** HEART

LUKE 8:15

THREE KEY ELEMENTS

1. **Receive** the Word
2. **Retain** the Word
3. **Reenact** the Word

DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEARTS

THE **HONEST** HEART

PSALM 19:7-14

"perfect"

"pure"

"righteous"

"reviving"

"enlightening"

"desir[able]"

"sure"

"clean"

"sweet"

"right"

"enduring"

"warn[ing]"

"rejoicing"

"true"

"reward[ing]"

THE **SEEKING** HEART

PROVERBS 18:15

- ➔ The heart of the prudent *gets* knowledge.
- ➔ The ear of the wise **SEEKS** knowledge.
 - “Everyone with good sense **wants to learn.**”

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5

- ➔ **Examine** yourselves; **Test** yourselves.

PSALM 139:23,24

- ➔ “**Search me**, O God...!”
- ➔ “...and **lead me** in the way everlasting!”

THE **SEEKING** HEART

- ☑ **JOHN 7:17**—“If anyone **wills to do God's will**, he will **know** whether the teaching is from God...”
- ☑ **ACTS 17:11**—*The Citizens of Berea*
 - ➔ “**received** the word”
 - ➔ “with all **readiness of mind**”
 - ➔ “**examining the scriptures** daily”
 - ➔ “to **see** if these things were [**truth**]”

THE **UNDERSTANDING** HEART

☑ **MATTHEW 13:10-15**

➔ Eyes—**Closed** **PERCEIVE** with Eyes

➔ Ears—**Clogged** **HEAR** with Ears

➔ Heart—**Hardened** **UNDERSTAND** with Heart

"...and **TURN**, and I would *heal* them."

☑ **JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

➔ Understanding **vital to heavenly sonship!**

☑ **1 TIMOTHY 2:4**

➔ Salvation is dependent upon coming to a **knowledge** [**understanding**] of the **truth!**

THE **BROKEN** HEART

- ☑ **PSALM 34:18**—*The Broken & Contrite*
 - ➔ “Jehovah is near to the **brokenhearted** and...the **crushed in spirit.**”
- ☑ **PSALM 36:2**—*The Opposite*
 - ➔ “They *lie to themselves*. They **don’t see their own faults**, so they are **not sorry for what they do**” (ERV).
 - ➔ “They **like themselves too much to hate their sins** or even to *see them*” (CEV).

THE **BROKEN** HEART

PSALM 51 (cf. 2 COR. 7:10)

"**have mercy** on me"

"**blot out** my sins"

"**wash** me"

"**cleanse** me"

"**I know** my transgressions"

"my sin is **ever before me**"

"**purify** me"

"**wash** me"

"**hide your face** from my sins"

"**blot out** all my iniquities"

"create in me a **clean heart**"

"**renew** a right spirit in me"

"**cast me not** away"

"**take not** your Spirit"

"**restore** the joy of salvation"

"**uphold** me"

"**deliver** me from guilt"

"**open** my lips"

DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEARTS

THE **BROKEN** HEART

PSALM 51:17 (ERV)

"The sacrifice that God wants is a **humble spirit**. God...will not turn away someone who comes with a **humble heart**, and is **willing to obey [him]**."

THE **OBEDIENT** HEART

ROMANS 6:16,17

➔ "you are slaves of the one **whom you obey**"

➔ "you *were* servants of *sin*"

➔ "you...have become **obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed"

- A **genuine, sincere desire to obey** (cf. 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Pet. 1:22).

1 SAM. 3:10—"Speak; for **your servant hears...**"

THE **BACKSLIDING** HEART

- ☑ **PROV. 14:14**—“**satisfied** with his own ways”
- ☑ **PROV. 14:16**—“**reckless** and **careless**”
- ☑ **PSALM 36:1-4**
 - ➔ “...they **have no respect for God**” (1 | ERV).
 - ➔ “...they **like themselves too much to hate their own sins or even to see them**” (2 | CEV).
 - ➔ “He has **ceased to have insight and to do good**” (3 | LEB).
 - ➔ “...he **takes a way that is not good...**” (4 | BBE).

DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEARTS

THE **BACKSLIDING** HEART

PSALM 50:16,17 (CEV)

"You don't have the right to mention my laws or claim to keep our agreement! You **refused correction** and **rejected my commandments.**"

→ "they like themselves too much to hate

"Stop quoting my laws! Stop talking about my agreement! **You hate for me to tell you what to do. You ignore what I say**" (ERV).

→ "the **law is not good**" (1:22).

WHAT KIND OF HEART DO YOU HAVE?

HOW'S **YOUR** HEART?

PSALM 10:13 (CEV)

"The wicked don't respect [God]. **In their hearts they say, 'God won't punish us!'"**

HEBREWS 3:12

"Take heed...lest there be in any one of **YOU** an **evil heart of unbelief**, leading you to **fall away from the living God.**"