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Psalm 16:1
Keep me safe, O God,
for I have come to you for refuge.

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Psalm 16:2-3

2 I said to the Lord, “You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you.”

3 The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them!

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Psalm 16:4
Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods.

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Psalm 16:5-6

5 Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.

6 The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!

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Psalm 16:7-8

7 I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.
8 I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

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Psalm 16:9-10

9 No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.
10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

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Psalm 16:11

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

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Of all the areas that God has promised to make new, the heart is one that He makes new before His second coming.

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Ezekiel 36:26
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.

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Ezekiel 36:27
And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.
God made your heart, so He knows it.

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Psalm 33:15

He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do.

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Job 38:36
Who gives intuition to the heart and instinct to the mind?

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Don’t be fooled. The human heart is sick and wicked. That is why God gives us a new one.
Isaiah 1:5
Why do you continue to invite punishment?
Must you rebel forever?
Your head is injured, and your heart is sick.

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Jeremiah 17:9

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

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When God convicts you of sin, repent from your heart and give Him your heart.

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Psalm 66:18
If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

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Joel 2:12
That is why the Lord says, “Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

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Joel 2:13

Don’t tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.”

Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish.

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Test your heart.
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Psalm 119:161
Powerful people harass me without cause, but my heart trembles only at your word.
Psalm 19:8
The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living.

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James 4:8
Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

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Psalm 14:1

Only fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!
Do not set up idols in your heart.

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Ezekiel 14:3
“Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin. Why should I listen to their requests?”

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Ezekiel 14:4

Tell them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: The people of Israel have set up idols in their hearts and fallen into sin, and then they go to a prophet asking for a message. So I, the Lord, will give them the kind of answer their great idolatry deserves.

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Let God be the strength of your heart

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Psalm 73:26
My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

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Let God’s word change your heart first before giving it to someone else who needs it.

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Ezekiel 3:10

Then he added, “Son of man, let all my words sink deep into your own heart first. Listen to them carefully for yourself.

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Pour your heart out to God. Let your entire self be in relationship with God.

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Psalm 62:8
O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

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Psalm 9:1
I will praise you, Lord,
with all my heart;
I will tell of all the marvelous things
you have done.

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Have God clean your heart each morning and evening.
Psalm 17:3
You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night. You have scrutinized me and found nothing wrong. I am determined not to sin in what I say.

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Psalm 26:2
Put me on trial, Lord, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and my heart.

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Psalm 51:10
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.

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Learn to hear God and trust God from your heart.

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Psalm 27:8
My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.”
And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”
Psalm 28:7
The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

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Get God’s truth into your heart.

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Psalm 119:11
I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

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In closing, keep away from anything that takes God’s place in your heart.

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1 John 5:21
Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.

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The Heart is where God’s Word is planted, nourished, and produces results.

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Proverbs 4:23
Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

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Mark 7:21

For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”

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For Followers of Jesus, our Heart is where God’s Spirit lives and He transforms our hearts so we treasure God, His Word, and His will.

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2 Corinthians 1:22
and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

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Matthew 6:21
Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

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Matthew 15:8

‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

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