



**Where is your
HEART ?**

*Biblical faith also involves a
commitment of the
whole person.*

Hebrew word for heart is "*leb*," or "*lebad*." Greek word is "*kardia*."

"Heart" is used as a metaphor to describe the physical organ.

In both Testaments, it is the center or defining element of the entire person.

It can be seen as the seat of the person's intellectual, emotional, affective, and volitional life.

HEART #1 - HARDENED BY SIN



BY UNFORGIVENESS OR BITTERNESS



ISSUES OF LIFE



HEART HAS LOST A REVERANCE FOR GOD



HEART HAS BECOME HARDENED TO PEOPLE



DENIAL



HEART #2 -TENDER

- ♥ SENSITIVE TOWARDS THE WAYS OF GOD
- ♥ HAS A REVERANCE FOR GOD
- ♥ FORGIVES, DOES NOT HOLD GRUDGES
- ♥ UNDERSTANDS GREATNESS OF THE NEW COVENANT

EXAMPLES OF THE CONSCIENCE IN SCRIPTURE:

Pharaoh hardened his heart (Exodus 8:15),
Pharaoh steeled his conscience against God's will.

A tender heart (2 Chronicles 34:27), it refers
to a sensitive conscience. The upright in heart
(Psalm 7:10) are those with pure consciences.

When David prayed "Create in me
a clean heart, O God, (Psalm 51:10),
he was seeking to have his conscience cleansed.

SIGNS OF A HARDENED HEART



**INDIFFERENT
TOWARDS PEOPLE**

**NOT INTERESTED
IN COMMUNITY**

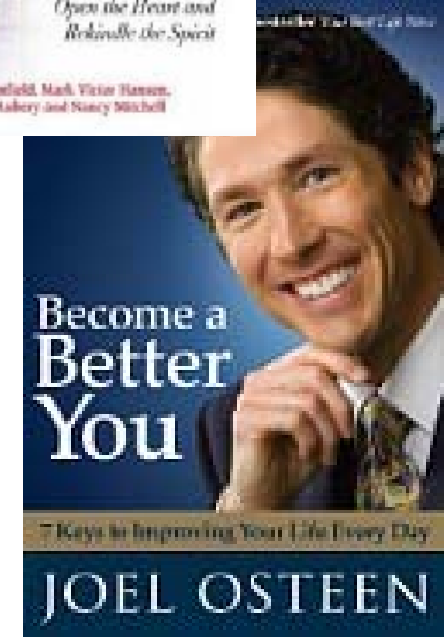
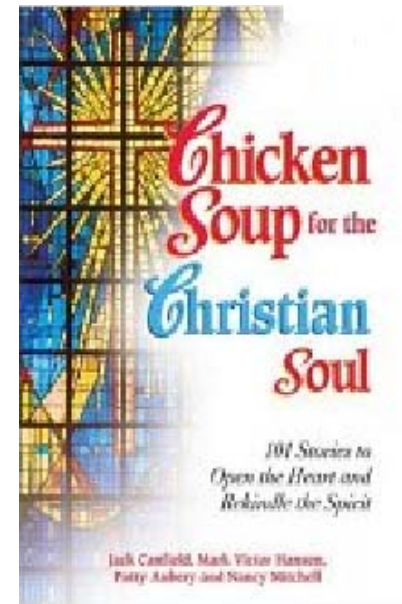
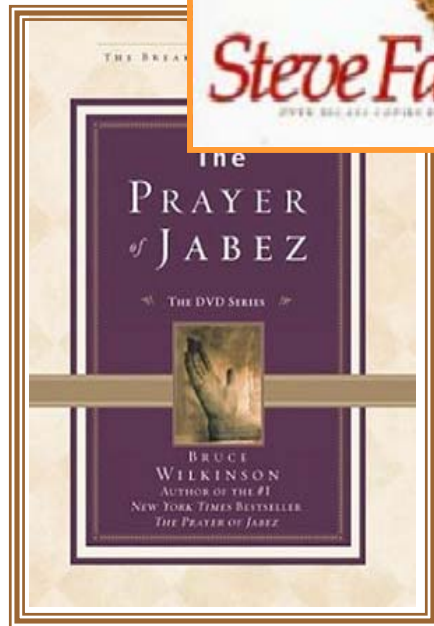
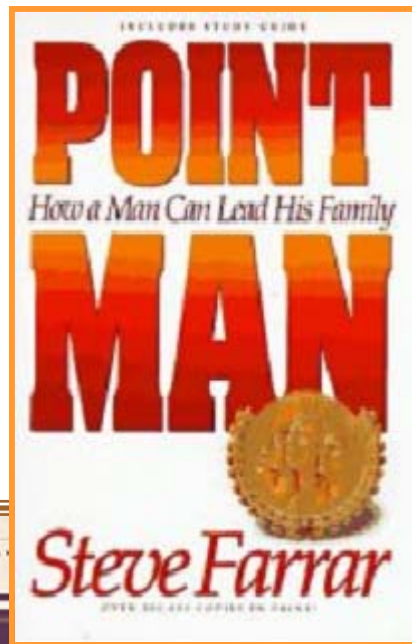
PASSIVE LISTENING

TO SERMONS-NOT APPLYING THEM

MORE TOLERANT OF SINFUL ACTIVITY

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR FIRST LOVE?

BECOME A BETTER ERIC?





**THE CURE FOR A HEART
HARDENED BY SIN-**

DO NOT STAY IN THE DARKNESS

**“IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM
AND YET WALK IN THE DARKNESS, WE LIE AND DO
NOT PRACTICE THE TRUTH”**

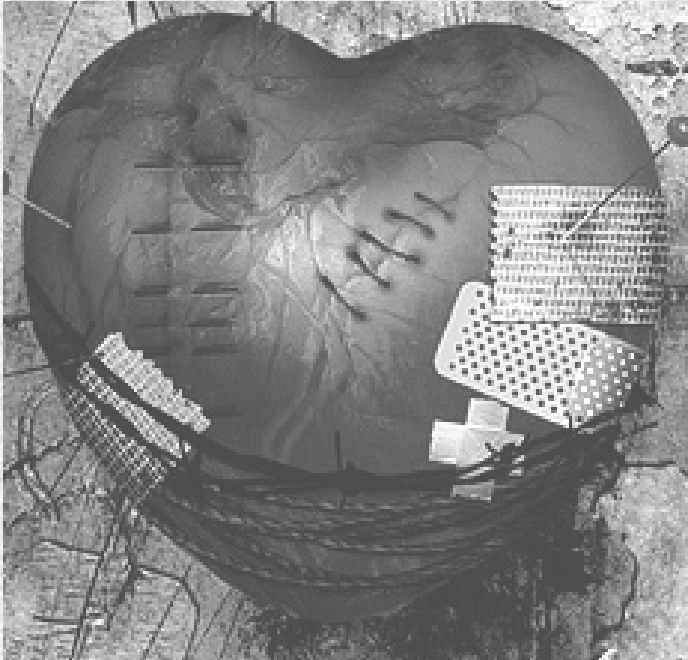
(1 JOHN 1:6)

**REPENTANCE - DO NOT WITH
CONFUSE WITH CONFESSION**

**FORGIVE AND LIVE- EXPERIENCE
THE RELEASE OF GOD**

**ACKNOWLEDGE LOSS OF
REVERANCE FOR GOD**

**WHAT ABOUT THOSE
THAT DON'T KNOW ABOUT
YESHUA?**



**THEY CAN HAVE A HARDENED
HEART**

**THEY ARE MAD AT GOD OR
“ORGANIZED RELIGION”**

**WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO
THE HUMAN CONDITION?**



LIGHT IS THE ANSWER.

**THE SUN'S LIGHT SHINES ALL
THE TIME IN THE UNIVERSE.**

**EVEN WHEN IT IS DARK AND
WE CANNOT EVEN SEE IT!**

**GOD'S LIGHT SHINES ALWAYS.
HE IS THE ILLUMINATOR OF ALL
PEOPLE (ISA 60 : 19, 20).**

**YESHUA IS REFERED TO AS
THE ILLUMINATOR OF ALL MEN
(JOHN 1:4).**

WHAT BLOCKS THE LIGHT
FROM GETTING THROUGH?

DARKNESS

A symbol of sin as a condition of moral or spiritual depravity

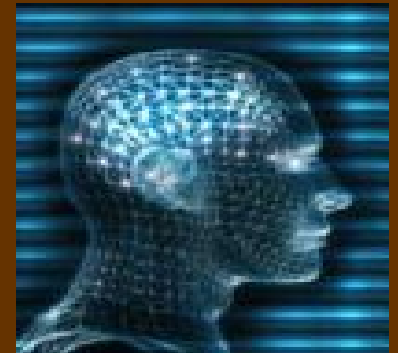
*Sin has damaging consequences
on the "knowing" process.
(Isa 6:9-10; Zech 7:11-12; Matt 13)*

WAYS GOD SHINES LIGHT



**THE LIGHT OF CREATION
(ROMANS 1:18-21)**

**THE LIGHT OF CONSCIENCE
(ROMANS 2: 12-15)**



**THE LIGHT OF MESSIAH
(HEBREWS 1:1-2)**

**THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL -
A MESSENGER**



WHAT WAS AT STAKE IN PAUL'S MINISTRY?

Yeshua told Paul,

I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:15-18)

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Yeshua as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Yeshuas' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Messiah."
(2 Corinthians 4: 4-6).

Paul's Gospel

Acts 26:16-18

- (1) Paul's commission
- (2) Vision of God
- (3) Existence under Satan
- (4) Blinded - presupposed
- (5) Turning to God
- (6) From darkness to light

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

- (1) Paul's commission
- (2) Vision of God
- (3) Under the "god of this age"
- (4) Blinded
- (5) Implied: Turning to God
- (6) From darkness to light

When someone believes the gospel- a supernatural transfer takes place

Colossians 1:13-14, "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and **transferred us** to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Preaching Yeshua

<p>Verse 4 Satan blinds to the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah who is the image of God</p>	<p>Verse 6 God creates the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Messiah</p>
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The word for "see" can mean "shine" or "be bright" or "see distinctly". Blindness does not stop a light from shining, but it stops a light from being seen.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

How does Satan blind people to keep them from seeing “the light of the gospel” ?

- Prevent the preaching of the gospel
- Cause the preaching of “a different gospel” (Gal 1:6-8)
- Preventing spiritual perception
- Facts may be understood, but there is still no light

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?



1 Peter 3:15-16
God works with us to help remove the walls so the person can see the Messiah

ACTS 10:1-4

“Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually.”

Cornelius believed in the light of creation and the light of conscience - God sent him more light. A messenger - Peter was available and ready to share the message of Messiah with Cornelius!

**GOD HAS PICKED US
TO SHINE HIS LIGHT**

ROMANS 10 : 14

THE GOAL OF THE HEBREW MODEL

In the Hebrew model, the student has not learned when he or she can repeat it to the teacher; it is learned only when it is reflected in the student's life.



Is not just mere memorization of repeatable facts; the goal is to live out the truth.