

**** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

Subject: Give God Your Heart (Mind):

God has the power to monitor everybody's heart (mind) at the same time. God knows the secrets of your heart that you might not know about. The thoughts that come across your heart do not have to be your intentions. God can separate your intentions from your thoughts. We think about many things and make plans to do many things, but oftentimes we fail to do them. This is because thoughts are not always intentions.

You can know your thoughts, but you can't always know your intentions. The Holy Spirit gives you good intentions and helps you to carry them out. If you don't have the Holy Spirit, you can have what you think are a lot of good intentions, but fail to carry them out. This happens because your heart (mind) is deceitful sometimes; when you don't have the assistance of the Holy Spirit your thoughts are not dependable to produce good deeds.

The best way to learn if you have good intentions is to watch what you do. Your actions will manifest to you whether or not your intentions are sincere. Thoughts can be cheap; but actions can be very valuable. Your heart (mind) is oftentimes motivated by conditions and feelings, and just as soon as your feelings change, your mind changes.

God can search your heart and separate your thoughts from your intentions, and God can allow his Spirit to mortify, or downgrade bad intentions and help you to execute good intentions. So, give your heart to God and he will give you his Spirit to produce good deeds.

Subject: Are You Serving God In The Oldness Of The Letter Or Newness Of The Spirit?

The apostles of Jesus Christ were witnesses of the Lord. To be a true witness of the Lord you must be truly born again. When you are truly born again you are filled with God's Spirit. In order for this to happen, your old life of sin must be crucified after the example of Christ's old body that was crucified on Calvary. When your life has experienced Jesus' crucifixion, it means that your old nature to commit sin has died, yet you will be living with a new life of Christ's Spirit. Listen to Galatians 2:20:

Verse 20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

If you are serving God, and have not yet been born again you are not a true witness for Christ. You are still living a Christian life in the same old body that is still committing sin. The Bible refers to this as serving God in the oldness of the letter. To serve in a body that is still committing sin is like the Jews, who did not accept Jesus Christ and still followed their old religious teaching which was the law. Listen to Romans 7: 5-6:

Verse 5 - For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Jesus wanted to deliver the Jews from the oldness of the letter, which was by the law that they might have been saved to serve God in the newness of the Spirit, which was by grace. To serve God under the law means that the Jews had come short of being born again of the Spirit of God. If you have not been born again of the Spirit of God, you are just like the Jews; you are serving God in the oldness of the letter, which will bring death to you.

Verse 6 - But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Gives You Power To Live Free From Sin:

When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is the power of God. It is righteous power, which means it gives you the power to live a righteous life free from sin. You can only live righteous when your life is sin-free; sin causes you to be unrighteous.

So then the Spirit of God gives you power to live righteous. You get the Spirit of God when you repent of your sins and receive the teachings of Jesus Christ with the intent of heart to obey the teachings. I am giving you the teachings of Jesus Christ. Listen to St John 1:12:

Verse 12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

The power that Jesus gives is the Holy Spirit. Listen to Acts 1:8:

Verse 8 - *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

The Holy Ghost adopts you into the family of God when you are born again. Listen to Romans 8:15:

Verse 15 - For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

If you die before Jesus returns and you are born again of the Spirit of God, the Spirit that raised Jesus up from the grave after his crucifixion will also raise you up to meet Jesus upon his second return. Listen to Romans 8:11:

Verse 11 - But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.