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The Heart of the Matter

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Matthew 12-13 NLT

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Psalm 14:1 NLT

Only fools say in their hearts,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt, and their actions are evil;
not one of them does good!

Exodus 8:6-15 NLT

15 But when Pharaoh saw that relief had come, he became stubborn. He refused to listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had predicted.

Exodus 8:19 NLT

"This is the finger of God!" the magicians exclaimed to Pharaoh. **But Pharaoh's heart** remained hard. He wouldn't listen to them, just as the Lord had predicted.

Romans 9: 17-18 NLT

17 For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh, "I have appointed you for the very purpose of displaying my power in you and to spread my fame throughout the earth." 18 So you see, God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen.

Matthew 19:21-22 NLT

21 Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Luke 12:34 NLT

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Deliberately opposing God always ends in ruin, whether in this life or the next. It exposes what is already in your heart.

1 John 5:2 NLT

2 We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

Romans 8:9-10 NLT

....And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: 9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord **and believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 **For it is by believing in your heart** that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Where might your heart be hardened towards God?

Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

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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