





¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



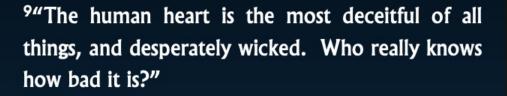




Luke 2:16-19 NIV

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.





Jeremiah 17:9 NLT





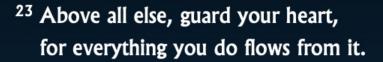


How is your *heart* this Christmas?









Proverbs 4:23 NIV









Proverbs 27:19 NLT









⁴⁵A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.







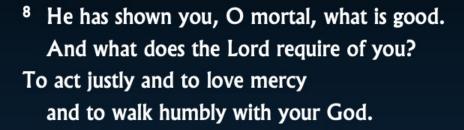


- With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
 Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Micah 6:6-7 NIV







Micah 6:8 NIV







¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105 NLT









¹²So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.











⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.





¹⁰Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"



Matthew 9:12-13 NLT

¹²When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." ¹³Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."



1 Corinthians 13:1-3 ESV

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.







And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

⁶So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.