

Setting Your Heart Free

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matt 22:37 NIV

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; Ps 9:1 NIV

Becoming Like a Child Mt 18

The Influence of Dualism – on us

Dualism – a false worldview

(natural things are evil; spiritual is good)

Heb 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Paul's experience with dualism Rom 7:14-25

The cure (Rom 8) - We're His children

Freedom in 3 Areas

1. Heart's Desires vs. Selfish ambition

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezek 36:26-27

The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip. Ps 37:30-31

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. 5 We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. Ps 20:4-5 NIV

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Ps 37:4 KJV

Freedom in 3 Areas (Continued)

2. Heath vs. Sickness

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

Prov 15:13

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Prov 17:22

A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?

Prov 18:14

3. Wealth vs. Poverty

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. 13 The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. Gen 26:12-13 NIV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor 8:8-9

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** John 10:10 KJV

For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and **gives life to the world.**" John 6:33 NIV

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