

7. **Simon The Sorcerer** This man (Acts 8) had (V13) obeyed the gospel in Samaria but (V20) “*thought that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ may be purchased with \_\_\_\_\_.*” He was severely rebuked and was told by Peter (V22) that “*thy \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ right in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*” This is what matters. Remember, (Prov 15:3) “*the eyes of the LORD are in \_\_\_\_\_, beholding the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.*” Simon was told, “*\_\_\_\_\_ therefore of this \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness.*” Next, he was to “*pray God.*” That meant he was to *ask, beg, petition* God. Why? “*If perhaps the \_\_\_\_\_ of thine \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_ thee.*” Why is the conditional preposition “*if*” used? **Answer:** He would be forgiven only if he felt true godly sorrow.
8. **Emotions** Some folks are taciturn and may appear devoid of emotions. About 300 BC Zeno of Citium founded a school of philosophy holding that the wise man should be free from passion, unmoved by joy or grief. Stoicism champions mind over matter. We join with Paul (Phil 4:5) to “*let your \_\_\_\_\_ be known to \_\_\_\_\_ men*” and emphasize that you can’t regulate something that doesn’t exist. Emotions exist for both right and wrong reasons. Paul reasoned (Acts 24:25) with Governor Felix about “*righteousness, \_\_\_\_\_, and judgment to come.*” Self-control of the heart (ie: mind) checks our impetuosity and keeps us within proper bounds.
9. **Examine Your Mental State Regularly** We should approach all the issues of life the way the Bereans (Acts 17:11) “*searched the \_\_\_\_\_ daily*” with “*all \_\_\_\_\_ of mind.*” That same “*\_\_\_\_\_ mind*” so imperative for elders is necessary for us to (2 Cor 13:5) know “*whether ye be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.*” Am I acting out of love, hate, necessity, haste, or impulsiveness? Animal nature rules when we fail to introspect. We need to answer those questions. You may find some of the answers startling. We suggest you study TPBS Lessons [#80](#), [#204](#) & [#230](#).
10. **Quotas** In (Micah 6:7) we find the answer through use of an absurdity: “*Will the LORD be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, or with \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_? shall I give my \_\_\_\_\_ for my transgression, the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ for the sin of my soul?*” Our giving (2 Cor 8:12) is to be “*first a \_\_\_\_\_ mind---according to what a \_\_\_\_\_*” and not by “*that he \_\_\_\_\_.*” Return to Micah: (V8) “*What doth the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ of thee, but to do \_\_\_\_\_, and to love \_\_\_\_\_, and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ with thy God?*” There are no quotas in Christianity. God requires only the best from our honest hearts and circumstances.
11. **Two Lights** Jesus said (Mt 5:16) “*let \_\_\_\_\_ light so shine*” and in (Isa 2:5) we are to “*walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.*” The “*so shine*” instruction of Jesus means that our individual light must be compatible with God’s light. You must “*rend your heart*” because (Jer 17:9) “*the heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things.*” The (1 Cor 2:4) “*\_\_\_\_\_ words of man’s \_\_\_\_\_*” has (2 Cor 4:4) “*\_\_\_\_\_ the minds*” of many. “*Keep thy heart with all diligence.*”
12. **Our Greatest Dilemma** Joshua said: (Josh 24:15) “*\_\_\_\_\_ ye this day whom ye will \_\_\_\_\_.*” Godly choices are undesirable and unpleasant to corporeal man. Unbridled materialism is all about us. As American society escalates into secularism it is increasingly difficult to separate what we need and can scripturally use from what we don’t need and cannot scripturally possess. Hedonism is fast replacing moral ethics and practice. We recommend you carefully study TPBS Lesson [#105](#), The Sin of Hedonism. Kind reader, “*Rend your heart, and not your garments.*”

**Read All The Choices And Circle The Best Answer**

13. With the heart man?    **circulates blood**    **believes**    **falls in love**    **supersedes plants**
14. The heart is?            **deceitful**            **taciturn**            **stoic**            **undependable**
15. Keep thy heart with?    **diligence**            **deceit**            **desperation**            **despair**
16. Heart not right?        **Ananias**            **Simon**            **Saul**            **Diotrephes**