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Keep Love in Your Heart and Win the Battle for Your Soul!

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

DEUTERONOMY 6:5 (KJV)

he Heart Battlefield. The mind is a battlefield, but the victory for the spirit/soul is won on the battlefield of the heart. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37

Note in the above passage, Jesus used "mind" last and "heart" is first. That which proceeds out of the mouth comes from the heart and defiles a person, (Matthew 15:18) not out of the mind. The mind may think "wicked imaginations" but the imaginations must be rooted in the heart (Mark 7:21) for emanation or growth and maturation of those ideas to happen. (Luke 6:45) Your motivation in life, whether at work or at home rests in the heart; the desires of the heart not the logic and reasoning of the mind. You desire a new car, a new home, a boyfriend or wife—this desire is of the heart, not the mind. When you are homesick or grieving, you are experiencing an emotion from the heart, not the mind. The main battlefield is in the heart. You can have a doctorate degree or the world on a platter but if someone or something comes into your life which negatively affects your heart then most of us are in trouble.

We have to place our focus back on God. In all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths. (**Proverbs 3:6**) Anything that takes our focus away from God is idolatrous. Love, joy, bitterness, hatred, jealousy, envy, happiness—these operate from the heart—not the mind. The mind

responds to the heart in many cases of emotion until REASON comes in and corrects the mind. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23 "But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deuteronomy 4:29 If the enemies of man can get our hearts to defile our minds, bodies, and souls, then the enemy has victory in our lives. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment." Mark 12:30 Focus your heart on God. God is love. (1 John 4:16)

## **HEART VICTORY**

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