

Gems From Jeremiah

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“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives.” – Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT)

“The Great Deceiver”

Five reasons why you can’t trust your heart:

What feels right doesn’t determine what is right.

What we WANT isn’t always BEST.

Some good things still aren’t God things.

Desires can be very convincing.

Our feelings are the Devil’s megaphone.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Do a heart scan with God’s Word!

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

– 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

For the word of God is alive and powerful...It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

– Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

Take time to think and pray.

Being excited about something is not enough. You must also know what you are doing. Don’t rush into something, or you might do it wrong.

– Proverbs 19:2 (ERV)

So the Israelites examined their food, **but they did not consult the Lord.** Then Joshua made a peace treaty with them and guaranteed their safety, and the leaders of the community ratified their agreement with a binding oath. **Three days after making the treaty, they learned that these people actually lived nearby!**

– Joshua 9:14-16 (NLT)

Seek out wise, godly counsel.

Foolish people always do what seems right to them. But wise people listen to advice from others.

– Proverbs 12:15 (EASY)