

A Heart of Flesh

When we receive Christ into our lives, God gives us a new heart.

(a heart of flesh, a soft heart, a heart that knows God and responds to him).

Ezekiel 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ESV

God's desire is for us to live from soft hearts, not hard hearts.

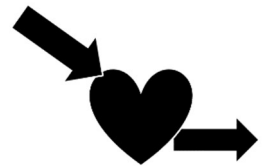
95:7,8 Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts... ESV

We should deliberately work to keep a soft heart.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep [guard, watch over] your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. ESV

Hebrews 3:8-13 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,"...Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ESV

How do you keep your heart soft?



John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. ESV

Additional Verses encouraging a soft heart and warning about a hard heart

2 Chronicles 34:27 because your heart was tender, [Josiah], and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. ESV

Proverbs 28:14 Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity. ESV

Isaiah 63:17 O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. ESV

Zechariah 7:12 They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts. ESV

Matthew 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ESV

Mark 3:5 And [Jesus] looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart... ESV

Mark 8:17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ESV

Mark 16:14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ESV

John 12:40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." ESV

Romans 2:5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ESV

Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ESV

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ESV

Colossians 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience ESV

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ESV

Stay soft