

II. A Biblical Anthropology (See Mike Emler, *Understanding the Influences on the Human Heart*, Journal of Biblical Counseling, Winter 2002, pages 47-52.)

a. The heart as the moral/covenantal center of the human person

- i. Deu 6:5 *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*
- ii. Psa 14:1 *The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.*
- iii. Pro 4:23 *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.*
- iv. Mat 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

b. The heart as the originator of cognition, affection, and volition

i. Cognition – the seat of knowledge

1. Gen 6:5 *The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
2. Deu 8:5 *Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.*
3. Pro 2:10 *for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;*
4. Eph 1:18 *having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,*

ii. Affections

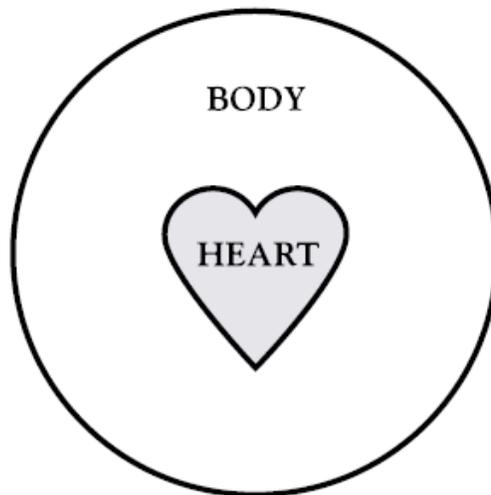
1. Gen 6:6 *And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.*
2. Lev 19:17 *"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.*
3. Pro 13:12 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.*

iii. Volition

1. Exo 25:2 *“Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.*
2. Eph 6:5-6 *Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, (6) not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,*
3. Luke 6:45 *The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

c. Body-soul

- i. David Powlison: “A psychosomatic-whole-with-a-moral-center”



- d. The need to differentiate between the pressures of the body and the response of the heart

e. Inter-personal Influences: the Role of Relationships

f. Extra-personal Influences: the Role of Society and Culture

g. The gospel has real answers for the heart

III. A Case Study: *The Ambiguously Cured Soul* by David Powlison