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## SECTION 6 – Writing the Word on Your Heart

### Lesson 22: Writing the Word on Your Heart Part 2

The things in our environment, in our society, what we've been exposed to, what we've been taught, actually write words on our heart affecting our belief system. Then we do by nature according to those things which we already believe.

It's so easy to find a person who has never been truly transformed by the renewing of God's Word upon their heart. They may be Christians now, but all you have to do is talk to them for a little bit and see the way they talk, the way they react. Those wrong things, through the circumstances they went through, got seared and written upon their hearts. What is written upon your heart IS your nature.

*You will do by nature what is written on your heart.*

Remember we talked about the heart. It's the mind, the will, the emotions, the imagination. These things that are written upon our heart, ingrained upon our minds, our thinking process.

**Romans 8:5-8** *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

**What do those living according to the Spirit set their minds on?**

[They that set their minds on the things of the Spirit.](#)

**Who is in the flesh?**

[Those who are controlled by a mindset that is not according to the Word of God.](#)

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God because what is written on their hearts is contrary to the Word of God, and they will by nature act according to that belief system. And if it's carnality, if it's worldliness, if it's unholy thinking, whether it came from society, environment, their family, their teachers, whatever they've been exposed to, that is what's written on their heart, the Bible says they cannot please God because they will by nature, given the right opportunity, do the wrong thing based on what's already in their heart.

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So many struggle in areas of their lives because they still love it. They are emotionally attached to it. They have that thing written upon their heart so deeply that they are connected to it. They look at it as something positive. They look at it as something good. They look at it as something right.

God made us a certain way. We are people who by nature will flee things that we perceive as painful, and we will go towards that which we perceive as pleasurable. We flee pain by nature, and we go towards pleasure. Now here's where the problem is. When we are carnally minded, when what's written upon our heart is the things of the world, we view the things of God as painful. We view resisting sin as painful. We look at denying ourselves as painful. We look at doing the things of the flesh as pleasurable.

Pleasure is a determination, an emotional reaction based upon a way of thinking. Do you think God looks at sin and thinks pleasure? Do you think Jesus ever looks at sin and sees pleasure? No! The wages of sin is death. When you see sin through the eyes of God, it's vile, it's wicked, it's destructive. When you see that sin is horrible, and you see it through the eyes of God, then you will, by nature, look at sin as a painful thing, not as a pleasurable thing. When you see that dying to yourself, sacrifice, and surrender to God produces a Christ likeness, and brings you into oneness with God, then you'll look at it as pleasurable.

Just like the guy who goes to the gym and works out. There's pain, but he won't tell you it's pain. He'll tell you it's pleasure. Yes, it hurts while he's doing it, but to him it's a good pain. What he's looking at is what it produces. In his mind, what it produces makes him feel good about himself, so he views that thing that he's going through as pleasurable.

There's a reason I don't want to do drugs anymore. I don't look at drugs as something pleasurable. God has rewritten my heart. It used to be I couldn't wait till the next time I got high. I would steal from people to get money to get high. I would lie and cheat and manipulate to get high. But now, I don't do that anymore. I don't want to do that anymore. God has written His Word upon my heart. Now I look at doing drugs as painful. That would violate my relationship with God. That would injure me spiritually. It's painful, not pleasurable. So I flee it, but I look at serving God, at denying myself the alcohol and the drugs as pleasurable because I get to be filled with the Holy Ghost, I get the touch of God. Now I'm drawn to that, and that is pleasurable.

**What happens to us when the Word of God is written on our hearts?**

[When the Word of God is written on our hearts, we will by nature act according to that Word because the Word has power.](#)

*The Word has the power to transform you.  
The Word has the power to change your nature.*

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**Matthew 12:34** *Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*

Our actions come out of our heart.

**Jeremiah 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things,  
And desperately wicked;  
Who can know it?*

The carnal mind, the carnal heart, that has written on it the things of carnality, is desperately wicked. It will lead you into the wrong direction. But God has come to break us free from that. God wants to rewrite our belief system.

**Hebrews 5:12-14** *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

When the Word is written upon your heart, you will react according to the Word by nature. You will by nature do the right thing, not the wrong thing. When the words of the Spirit of God are written upon your heart, it is life! The Word of God has incredible power, and God sent His Word to be written upon our hearts to transform us.

**Hebrews 1:1-2** *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*

His Word has such power that it literally holds the whole universe together.

**Hebrews 1:3 AMP** *He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the [c]out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high*

**How is the universe affected by God's Word?**

Jesus is upholding, maintaining, guiding, and actually propelling the universe by the power of His Word.

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God wants to write His Word upon our hearts. And when His Word is written upon your heart His Word will guide, uphold, and propel you! He wants to rewrite who we are.

All through your life a canvas has been painted by your society, by your environment, by those that you've been around, and by the words you've been taught; a canvas of how you perceive yourself and how you perceive life. Everything you hear then runs through the filter of that canvas, through the filter of that image. Everything runs through that filter.

**Romans 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

That word renewing literally means to renovate. In a renovation, they go into an old, broken down house, and they tear out all the rotten wood. They tear out all the bad plumbing; all the bad stuff. And they replace it with brand new stuff.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

God wants to rewrite the very way you think, which will change the way you act by nature. If we allow Him to change what's written on our hearts, He can change our nature, and give us a new nature.

That's why it's very dangerous for us to come to Christ and then try to keep holding on to all the things of our past, and all parts of our culture. The Bible says we are foreigners and aliens here. You're not an African American. And you're not a Native American. You're not an Asian. You're not a Mexican. You're not a Brazilian. You're not European. You're not any of those things.

When you gave your life to Jesus Christ, you were to die to everything that you were. You were to die completely to your past, and you were to take on a new citizenship. You were to take on a new mind and set of thinking. There's new laws to obey. There's a new culture. It's the culture of heaven. And we're to allow that culture, that Word, to pierce and penetrate our hearts, and write on our hearts, and renew our hearts. Then we will act by nature according to the things of God.

This is the process of transformation that takes place. God has come to write His Word upon our hearts.

Many don't understand why they keep doing the things they are doing. It's written on their hearts. We don't just stumble into sin overnight. We sinned because we wanted to. If we didn't want to do it, we wouldn't do it. It's easy not to do what you don't like. If you get the Word of God written upon your heart and you take on His way of thinking, you will view sin the way God views it, and you will have a negative reaction to sin just as God does. You will not look at it with desire, but you will look at it with disdain. And it will become easy for you to resist.

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**Matthew 13:3-9** *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”*

**Matthew 13:18-23** *“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”*

We’ve always heard this preached that there are the wayside hearts people. Then the stony heart people. Then the thorny heart people. And then there’s the good soil people, and that’s us. We’ve always viewed everybody who rejects God, everybody who backslides, in the first three categories. Then we who are serving God are the fourth group. We’re the good soil people.

You can have that interpretation if you want, but I want to submit to you something so much more powerful. The seed here is the Word. This is not four different hearts. But this is four stages upon which the Word has to pass through in order to produce what it needs to. All through our life our society, our culture, our environment, the things we’ve been taught, all that carnal minded stuff that comes, sets up a grid work of filters. The longer we lived our life without God, the deeper and stronger those filters are. And when the Word of God first comes it has to try to penetrate those filters. The stronger they are, the more deeply they’ve been ingrained, the harder it is for the Word to get through. I believe this is the four stages that the Word must pass through in order for it to truly transform our nature. And once our nature is changed, then it will produce what it was originally sent for.

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The Bible says that the things of God are foolishness unto men for they are spiritually discerned. (1Corinthians 2:14) Most often the first time we hear a truth we have never heard before, when a whole new presentation of God comes forth, whether we’re saved or not, we’re confronted with

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something that's so different, our first reaction is to question it. God brings the Word, but your mind runs it through the filters built by your culture, your environment, your society, and what you've been taught. The Word of God comes that except you repent of your sin and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior that you're gonna spend eternity in hell. But there's people all over America who've been taught that God is a loving God in the concept that God would never judge anybody; that God accepts everybody exactly as they are. They don't understand the truth. They have a lie written upon their hearts. When the truth comes they can't hear it, they can't understand it. The enemy comes and snatches it out of their hearts. It's gone.

When God brings forth the Word of truth, the enemy will come immediately and try to steal it from you, and try to confuse you. He's terrified that Word will become written on your heart.

**Matthew 13:20-21** *But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.*

This is the second step; the test of failures. You hear the Word, receive it, and you're excited about it. But that Word isn't yet written on your heart. It's not seared on your heart. It hasn't become a part of your nature. You have it intellectually in your mind. You were excited about it. You got a bit of the wow factor, but you haven't yet learned how to work it. You haven't yet learned how to succeed and prosper in that Word. The enemy will bring circumstances and trials to test that Word.

The circumstances come to challenge the Word, and they fry the Word. The devil's trying to fight that Word from becoming seared in your heart. But God wants us to endure till the end. You take that Word and regardless of your circumstances, regardless of the fact of whether this Word is working or not, you still submit to the Word. It will break forth in your life.

**Matthew 13:22** *Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.*

This third area is the test of success. You've received the Word. You've learned how to endure through the times when you didn't get it to work, and it's working for you. You're experiencing realms of success in that area of your life, but there's still other junk that's still in your heart. There's still thorny bushes that are in your heart. There's still other junk. And in the midst of success, things rise up. You will see things that are in your heart that you didn't know were there the moment you become successful. There are wrong things that will never be manifested, that are deep in your heart, until you get a realm of success. Things will rise up, and if you're not careful, if you don't walk humbly before God and repent of those things and allow God to break those things out, those things will choke that Word and you will become unfruitful.

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**Matthew 13:23** *But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

That's the process of the Word. He's bringing it to break all the way through. At first you didn't understand it, but the Word kept coming. Then you received it, but you lost it because of the circumstances of life. But the Word kept coming. Then you broke through to the place where it started succeeding, but you started seeing other stuff creeping up around you; pride and arrogance and insecurities and other things that were there, started rising up in the midst of success. They came to choke it out, but you broke through that. Then once the Word passes through all the stages, then it becomes a Word that is written upon your heart.

**When the Word becomes written on your heart, what does it produce?**

Once it is written on your heart then it produces fruit every time: 30, 60, a hundredfold. It always produces. When the Word is written upon your heart, you will then, by nature do according to the Word, and that Word will do according to what God sent it for.

**Isaiah 55:11** *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me void,  
But it shall accomplish what I please,  
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

When His Word is written on your heart, you will do by nature what God does by nature. The Word which works for God, will work for you. The Word which produces when God speaks, will produce when you speak. God has come to write His Word upon our hearts to change us on the inside and to transform our nature so we can be like Him.

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**For Further Study:**

**2 Chronicles 30:12** *Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the LORD.*

**Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*