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- The Bait Of Satan Is Offense (Being Offended)
  Offense is a Deadly TRAP!

- “Our Response To Offense Determines Our Future.”

- We Forgive & Adopt A Forgiveness Mindset / Lifestyle

- This Is Supernatural -- The Sign Of Maturity & True Relationship With The Lord.
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We Must Have A Sold Out (Jesus-Filled) Heart

• Luke 10:41-42 (NIV) "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."
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The Love Of God Starts With The Heart:

• He Is The #1 Priority In Life

• We Long For His Fellowship & Want To Be With Him

• We Strive To Obey And Honor Him Finding And Fulfilling His Will For Our Lives
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• In True Worship We Give Him In Our Heart, And Everything Else Follows -- Our Lips -- Hands -- Feet -- Time--Talents – Minds – Attitudes -- Our All!

• As We Are Emptied Of Self -- In That Empty Space Of Our Lives -- The Lord’s Presence Comes In & Fills Us

• There Is Refreshing – Cleansing-- Freeing – Joy – Peace -- The Presence Of The Lord -- He Inhabits The Praises Of His People
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• There Is A Great Blessing In Wholehearted Worship – As We Give Our Hearts And Lives Fully Over To Him

• That's Why The Lord Wants Us To Be Worshipers In Spirit And In Truth
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The Heart Should be Safeguarded

- **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)** (23) Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

- "Above All Else" Tells Us This Is The Most Important Thing

- Don’t Let Anything Get In The Way Of This Most Important Task -- We Must Guard Our Hearts
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The Task Is Easy To Understand It Is To "Guard Your Heart"

- There Are A Number Of Enemy's Of The Heart:
- Satan Attacks Our Hearts. He Baits Us In Areas Of Discouragement – Disappointment -- Betrayal
  - He Baits Us To Sin
  - To Be Bitter
  - To Harden Our Hearts
  - To Be Unforgiving
  - To Be Offended
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- Don’t Give The Devil A Foothold of Bitterness & Offense -- So He Can Operate In Your Life

- The Guarding Of Our Hearts Is Something That We Absolutely Must Not Neglect
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• We Guard Our Hearts Because They Are The “Wellspring Of Life”

• *How Important Is Our Heart? It Is All Important -- The Wellspring Of Life*

• The Heart Is The Focus For All The Vital Functions Of Life; Including Both Intellectual & Spiritual
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• The Emotions We Experience Originate In The Heart
• The Heart Is Where God Does His Work In The Individual

• (Psa 51:10 NIV) Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

• (Psa 119:11 NIV) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
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• The Heart Is The Place Of Renewal.
• The Heart Is The Dwelling Place Of God.
• The Lord Resides In The Heart Of The Believer.
• 2 Corinthians 1:22 (NIV) (22) ... put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

• We Safeguard Our Hearts Because They Represent -- Our Assets -- Our Future -- Our Heavenly Reward
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To Keep Our Hearts For Jesus We Must Have A Settled Heart

• **Being Called To Peace And The Joy – Trust the Lord!**

• **We Need To Learn To Use Words To Heal Not To Hurt**
  • *(Prov 12:18 NIV)* Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

• **We Find Ways To Help The Weak Rather Than Criticize Them**
  • *(Rom 14:13 NIV)* Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle (OFFENSE) in your brother's way.
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To Keep Our Hearts For Jesus We Must Have A Softened Heart

- A Heart Free From Bitterness

- *Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)* (15) See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

- Bitterness Is A Root That Only You Can Get Rid Of
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• In Your Own Life You’ve Got To Let Go & Let God…
• We Don’t Harden Our Hearts We Allow The Lord To Soften Them
• (Eph 4:23) "Be Made New In The Attitude Of Your Minds
• Be Renovated -- Be Reformed -- Be Renewed
• A New Mind = The Mind Of Christ In Your Mind – Intellect -- Thoughts -- Feelings -- Will -- Understanding
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• God Glories In Taking The Broken Pieces Of Our Lives Putting Them Back Together


• (Psa 106:1) His Love endures forever.

• His Love Has No Cutoff -- It Goes On And On

• The God Who Loves Us -- Cares For Us. He Wants Us To Have A New Heart -- A Fully Free Existence