

# JOURNEY OF THE HEART

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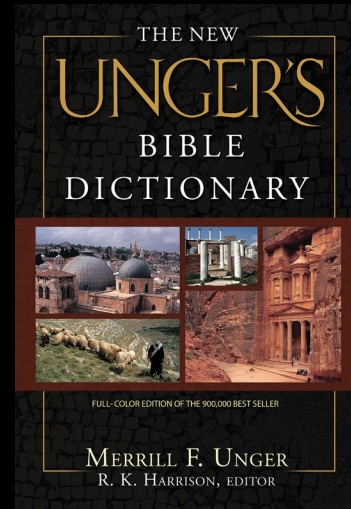
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**What is the heart?**

HEART (Heb. mostly lēb; Gk. kardia). According to thorough investigation and evidence of Scripture in all its parts, **the heart is the innermost center of the natural condition of man**. The heart is: (1) the center of the bodily life, the reservoir of the entire life-power (Ps. 40:8, 10, 12) and indeed in the lowest physical sense, for eating and drinking, as strengthening of the heart (Judg. 19:5–6, 8–9; 1 Kings 21:7; Acts 14:17; etc.), becomes the strengthening of the whole man; (2) the center of the rational-spiritual nature of man.



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deep water, but a man of  
understanding will draw it out.

Proverbs 20:5 (ESV)



<sup>5</sup>But the goal of our instruction is love  
from a pure heart and a good  
conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 (NASB95)

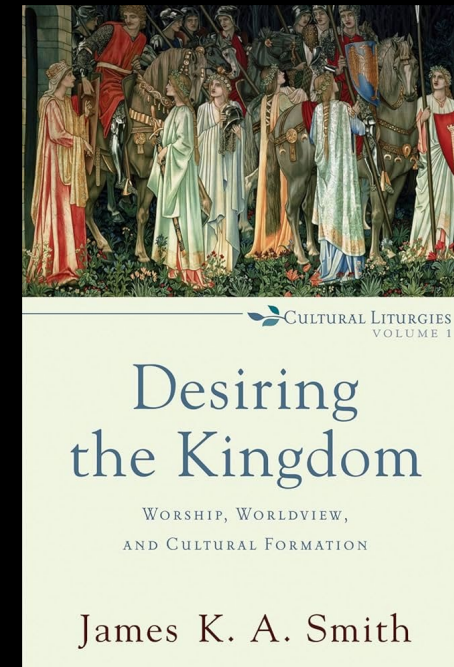
<sup>22</sup>Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently **love one another from the heart,**

1 Peter 1:22 (NASB95)

<sup>17</sup>‘You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

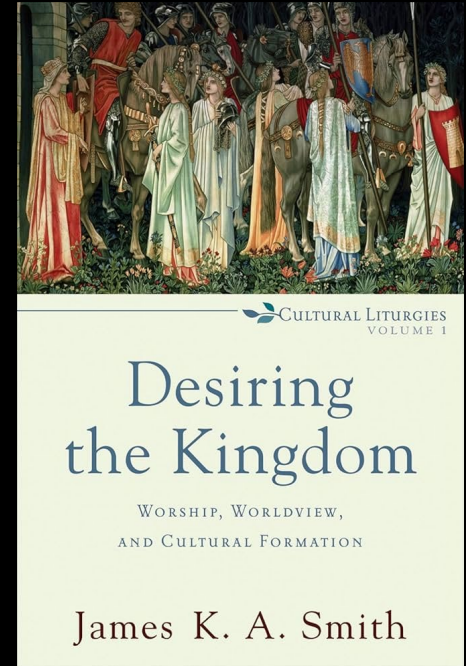
Leviticus 19:17 (NASB95)

The “desiring” model of the human person begins from our nature as intentional beings who first and foremost (and ultimately) intend the world in the mode of love. We are primordially and essentially agents of love, which takes the structure of desire or longing.

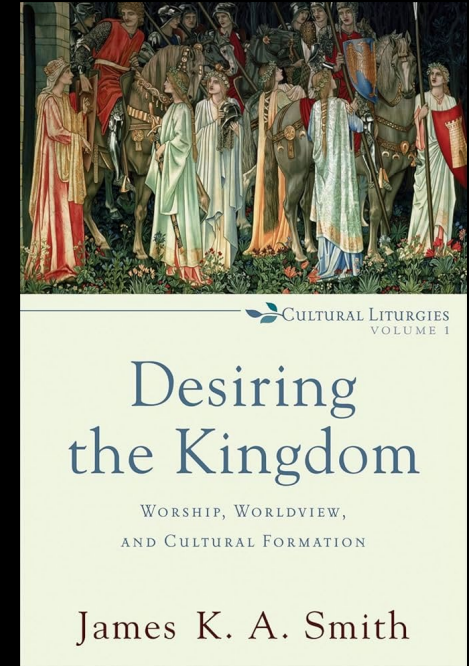




We are essentially and ultimately desiring animals, which is simply to say that we are essentially and ultimately lovers. To be human is to love, and it is what we love that defines who we are. Our (ultimate) love is constitutive of our identity.



The core argument of chapter 1 was that human beings are fundamentally lovers; that is, we are not primarily “thinking things” or “believing animals” but rather desiring agents with a passional orientation to the ultimate—to a vision of “the kingdom”.



<sup>37</sup>But he who **stands firm in his heart**, being under no constraint, but has authority over his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin *daughter*, he will do well.

1 Corinthians 7:37 (NASB95)





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<sup>3</sup>“Son of man, **these men have set up their idols in their hearts** and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?

Ezekiel 14:3 (NASB95)

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<sup>9</sup>“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9 (NASB95)

<sup>20</sup>And He was saying, “That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

<sup>21</sup>“For **from within, out of the heart of men,** proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, <sup>22</sup>deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. <sup>23</sup>“All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”

Mark 7:20–23 (NASB95)

<sup>17</sup>So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup>being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, **because of the hardness of their heart;**

Ephesians 4:17–18 (NASB95)

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<sup>10</sup>“I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

Jeremiah 17:10 (NASB95)

<sup>2</sup>Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.

Proverbs 21:2 (NASB95)

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalms 139:23–24 (NASB95)

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, **and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

Hebrews 4:12 (NASB95)

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Ezekiel 36:25-27



<sup>25</sup>“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

<sup>26</sup>“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup>“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:25–27 (NASB95)

Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness of God our  
Savior and *His* love for mankind  
appeared,

<sup>5</sup>He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

<sup>6</sup>whom He poured out upon us richly  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,

<sup>7</sup>so that being justified by His grace  
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<sup>13</sup>But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

<sup>14</sup>For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

<sup>15</sup>while it is said, “Today if you hear  
His voice, Do not harden your hearts,  
as when they provoked Me.”

Hebrews 3:12–15 (NASB95)

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

<sup>19</sup>We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him

<sup>20</sup>in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

1 John 3:18–20 (NASB95)



<sup>23</sup>Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB95)

<sup>21</sup>Little children, guard yourselves  
from idols.

1 John 5:21 (NASB95)

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<sup>13</sup>for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if **by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** <sup>14</sup>For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:13–14 (NASB95)

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Hebrews 3:12–13 (NASB95)

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, **with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another** with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup>Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, **you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one** looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:1–2 (NASB95)



<sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:16 (NASB95)

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