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**Hardness of Heart** -- solid, firm, and resistant to pressure; not easily broken, bent, or pierced • (of a person) not showing any signs of weakness; unyielding or unbelieving or surrendering

**I always believed that it was God Haters, that had a hardened heart but when the bible talks about those having hardened hearts, most of it is pertaining to believers**

**Biblical Hardness of Heart** -- Are amazed at a miracle,-- believe man over the bible, -- doubt, -- fear,

**These are just some of the things that we are hard hearted about. We can serve the Lord and love him beyond a shadow of doubt and still be hard hearted without realizing it.**

**I will share a true story about an evangelist that had traveled many years with tremendous miracles in his ministry. He related that one night a twelve year old boy was led up for prayer, with eyes that were so crossed he had to be led. He laid his hands on him, closed his eyes and commanded the eyes to be normal. He opened his eyes and the boys eyes were as straight as could be. The minister was happy and so amazed at the quickness, he laughed and said, I don't believe it!**

**Instantly the boys eye went back crossed. He realized what he had said and immediately repented and ask God to forgive him, he then spent over an hour in prayer with the lad and only seen partial results. The Lord showed him, his amazement was actually hardness of heart on his behalf. Just like the deciples when Jesus came to them walking on the water and he rebuked the wind and were immediately transported from the middle of the lake to the shore.**

**Mark 6:51-52\* And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened**

**You see, they had just come from the miracle where they had fed 5000 men, plus women and children with a boys bag lunch of five loaves of bread and two fishes.**

Mark 8:17\* And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? **have ye your heart yet hardened?**

After Christ's Resurrection he appeared to the eleven disciples Mark 16:14\* Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, **and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

If we straddle the fence, you know, not hot nor cold, but trying to please both sides (**modern religion**) you can't help but have a hardened heart. **NO MATTER** how much you say you love the Lord and are doing things for him.

Hebrews 3:13\* **But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

We can deliberately harden our heart through fear of being mocked and in so doing we will scoff at the truth.

Acts 19:9\* **But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.**

Pride and riches will cause multitudes to harden their hearts, they will become self righteous. NOW self righteousness doesn't have to have anything to do with religion, there are multitudes of people that are so wrapped up in themselves. You know the type, nobody can do the work they do, or nobody is as understanding as me, or "I" know enough of most things that I am good as some but better than most.

Daniel 5:20 **But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:**

Nehemiah 9:16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

Then there are those that see a miracle and believe until some one says, that was put on, you know they hire people to come in wheelchairs and then say God healed them, or some other explanation of foolishness.

Exodus 7:22\* And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

We can choose to harden our heart, not only against God or his word, but things in ordinary life. I no a man, now, that can not remember anything good about his childhood. True, he had a few traumatic experiences but the family traveled a lot and the other kids can tell you a lot of joyous and enjoyable times but he says he can't remember them. 99 % of his bad memory is by word of mouth. Second and third hand information by those that did not like his dad and he choose to believe this garbage, is it any wonder he is bitter.

When we hear teaching that we are not the best person in the world, it is not the preacher or teacher that has you in mind, but if you feel convicted. It is the word of God speaking to you, not the preacher.

Hebrews 4:12\* For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

If the word speaks to you and there are things that apply, say thank you Lord and I'm sorry. I give it to you and it has no more part in my life. OR YOU CAN get angry and say: "who does that self righteous hypocrite think he is, he's so heavenly minded, he's no earthly good". REMEMBER a quick guide. --- IF YOU GET UPSET OR ANGRY, YOUR WRONG.

2Corinthians 13:5\* Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the  
faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves,  
how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

I trust this will help you understand  
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