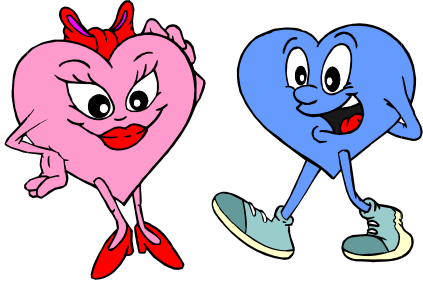


*“Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said,  
“Why do you entertain evil  
thoughts in your hearts?”  
(Matthew 9:4)*



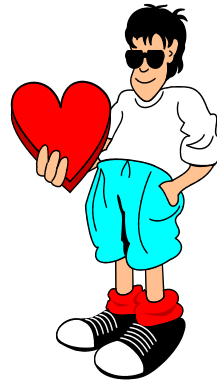
*People sin with what they do, with what they see, with what they speak, with what they act as well as with what they think. The mind is the battle field for evil and for good. Wars usually start with thoughts. Great things also start with thoughts. Evil thoughts can be considered as sin; yes because the outcome is evil, harmful and hurting acts against others and against God.*

*Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? We know thoughts are in the mind but why Jesus said, ‘evil thoughts in your hearts?’ ‘Evil thoughts that we love to do and follow it will be finally in our hearts because in the heart is the things that we love most. “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.” (Matthew 15:19) What are the evil thoughts that can come out of the heart?*

- 1) **Murder:** The desire to finish someone’s life, future or career.*
- 2) **Adultery:** The desire to divorce, married second wife or live with a women not a wife.*

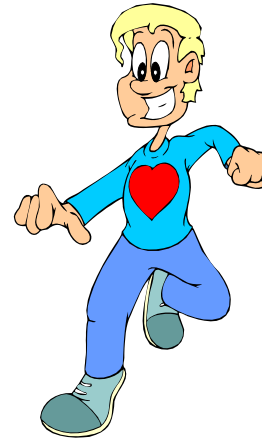
- 3) **Sexual immorality:** Pornography, homosexuality, and sex and lust outside the marriage realm.*
- 4) **Theft:** Stealing things or taking them without permission.*
- 5) **False testimony:** Speaking lies and giving wrong reports.*

*All the above can be found in our hearts where it should not be there. Jesus knows every one thoughts; we cannot hide them from Him. What we can do to please Him is to repent of them and allowing Him to cleanse us from the above.*



### *My Prayer*

*Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord forgive me all the evil thoughts that I carry in my heart. I give you my heart, cleanse me Lord and help me to control my thoughts and to think of things pleasant to you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

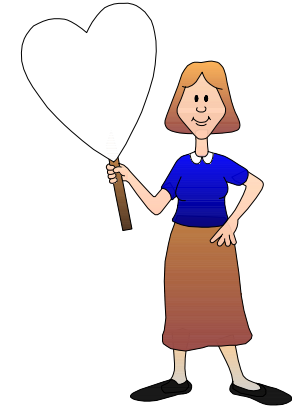


**“Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast  
spirit with in me.”**

*(Psalm 51: 10)*

# The Lord Is My Shepherd

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**“The heart is deceitful above all  
things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?”**

*(Jeremiah 17: 9)*