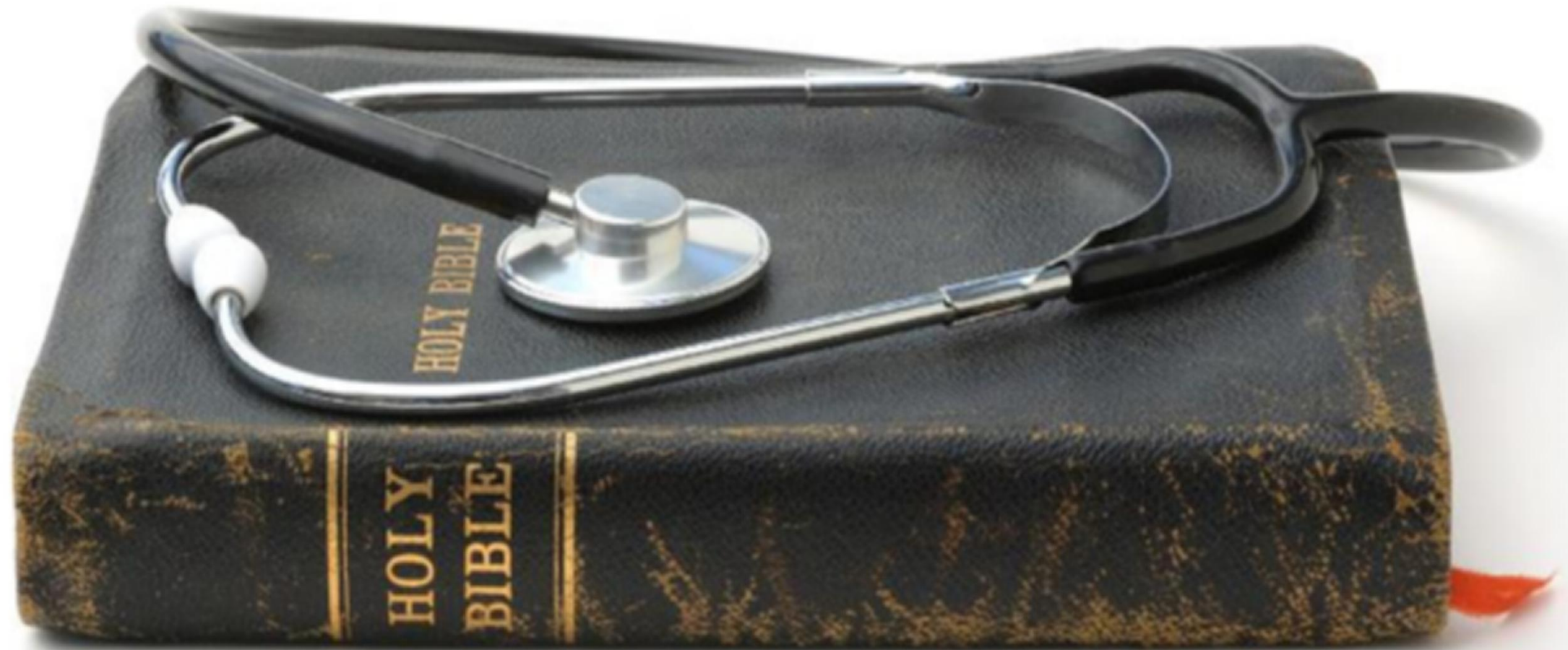


# Heart Conditions

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**Matthew 13:18-23**



<sup>18</sup> “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> 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.” **Matt 13:18-23**

# The Silent Killer





*I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught* **John 14:27 message**

# Silent Killer

## **#1 Killer in America...**

- **Heart Disease (Conditions)**
- **1 in every 4 deaths**

## **#1 Killer in the Church...**

- **Spiritual Heart (Condition)**
  - **Intellect**
  - **Will**
  - **Emotions**
  - **Courage**

**John 14:27, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

- **Heart**
- **Troubled (cant think)**
- **Afraid (cant move)**

**The Cure for Heart Trouble=  
the Word**



# **The Word Of God Is Seed**

**Luke 8:11**

**It MUST be planted**

**It MUST be cultivated**

**“Now the parable is this: the seed is the  
word of God”**



# God's Word is a Powerful Seed

The Word  
Of God

Is Seed

Luke 8:11

## Three Ways

### 1<sup>st</sup>- It has Life Giving Power

John 6:63, *"My words are spirit and life"*

### 2<sup>nd</sup>- It has Fruit-Bearing Quality

Just One Seed can Produce a Great Harvest

### 3<sup>rd</sup>- It has to be Planted and Nourished

James 1:21, *"Humbly accept the word planted in you,  
which can save you"*

# Matters of Heart



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**The Seed Fell on...**

**...Four Different Types of Soils...**

**Each Represent a...**

**...Different Condition of the Heart**





# The Unguarded Heart



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# The Unguarded Heart



## The Seed on the Path

- The Path Was Hardened...  
...So the Seed Could Not Take Root
- The Birds Of Prey Came and Took The Seed

### Lesson

When the Word of God Is Not Accepted...

...It Can Be Taken Away

...And Needs to Be Sown Again



# The Shallow Heart





# The Shallow Heart

## The Seed on Rocky Places

- Rocky Places ..a Thin Layer of Soil Over a...  
...Rock Base of Limestone
- Seed Sprang Up Quickly...  
...Showing An Absence of a Root System and Moisture

## Lesson

### The Shallow Heart Is Spiritually Unstable In Times of Testing

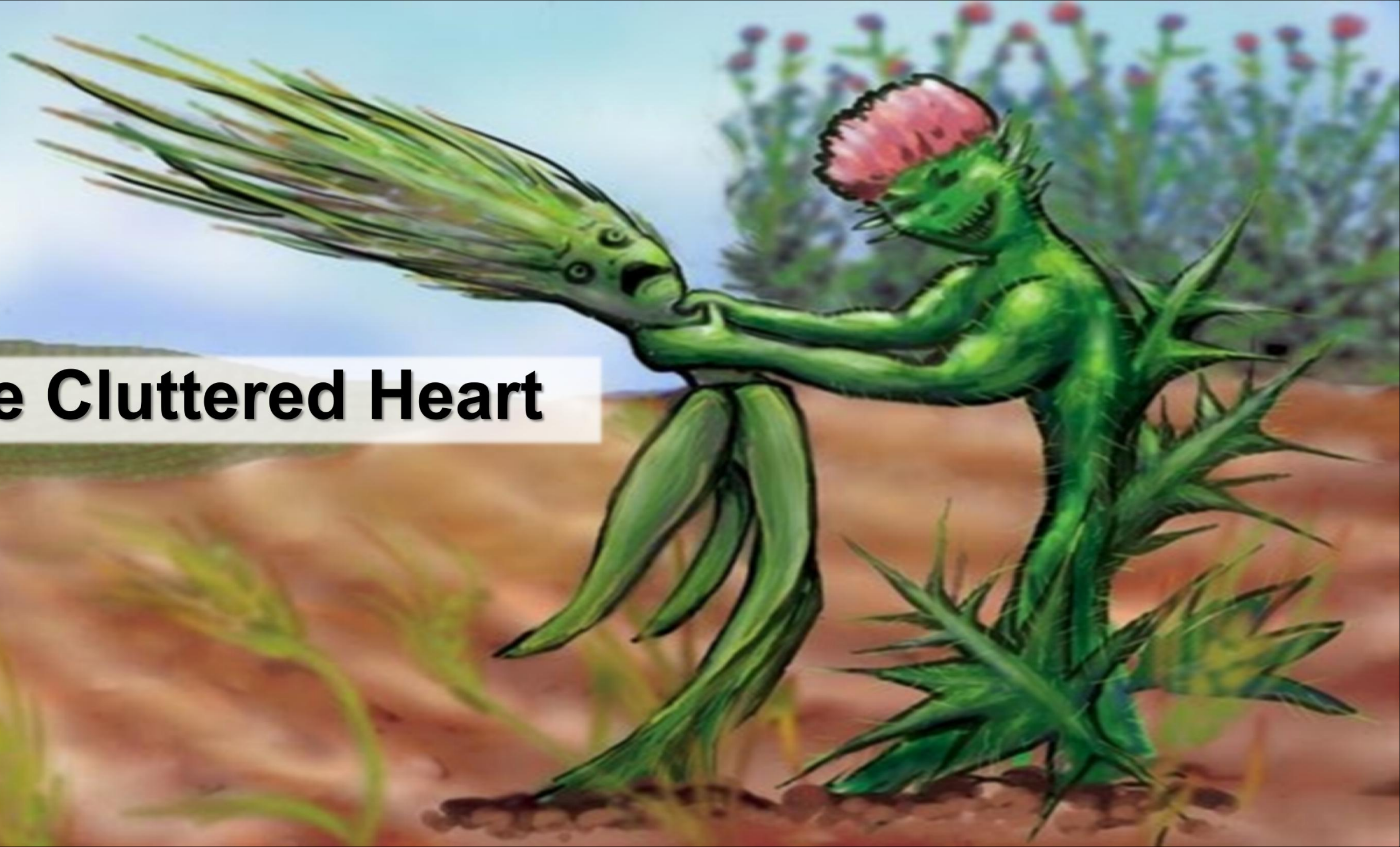
*“since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away”*

**Mark 4:17**

- **Superficial Christianity Will Not Stand in Times of Testing**



# The Cluttered Heart





# The Cluttered Heart

## The Seed Among Thorns

- Thorns 1<sup>st</sup> Appeared On the Earth After the Fall
  - ...Reminder of the Curse

## Three Kinds of Thorns that Choke Our Spiritual Growth

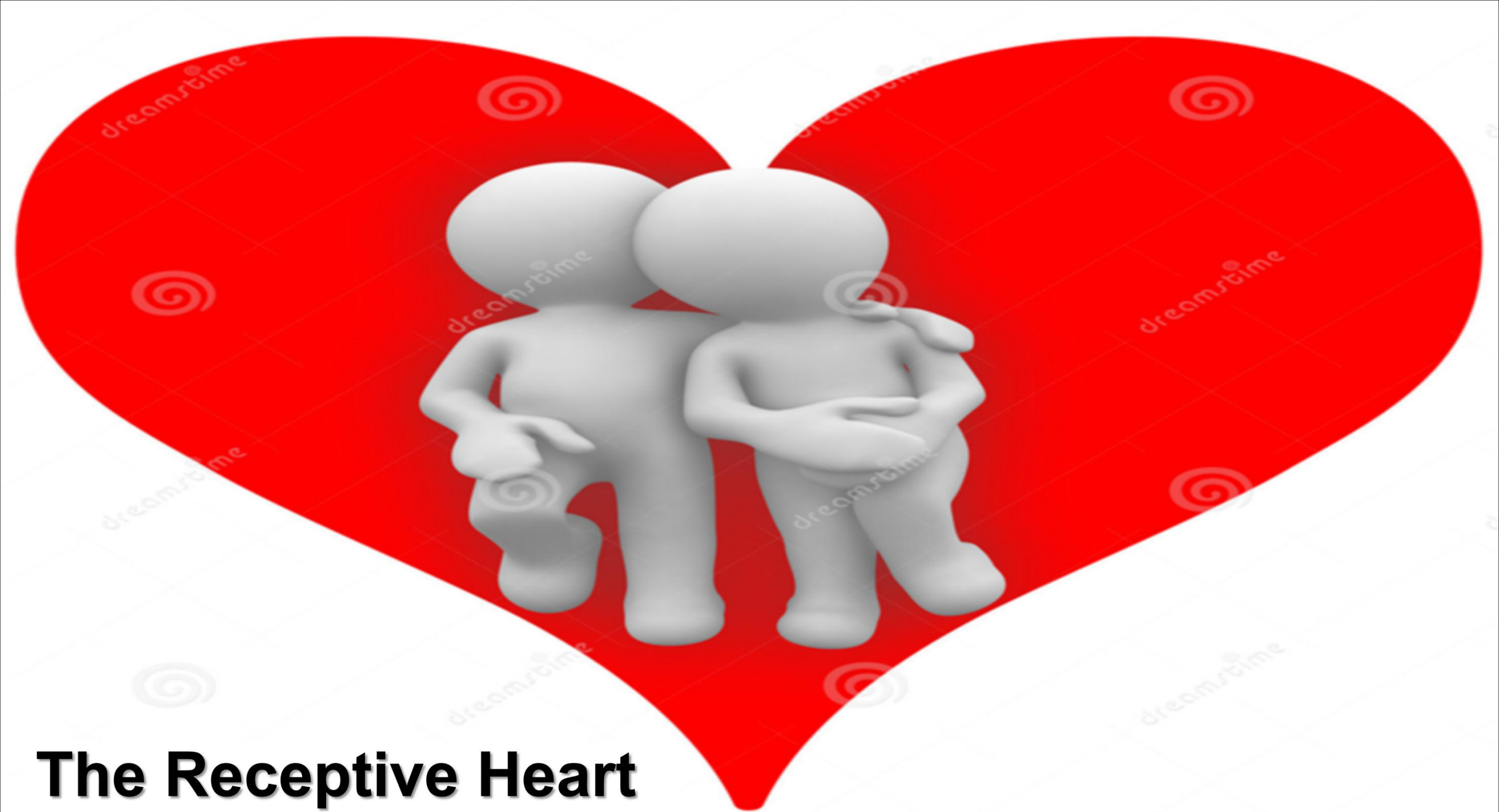
Hebrews 6:8

- the Worries of Life
- the Deceitfulness of Riches
- the Desire for Other Things

### Lesson

**Being Trapped on Life's Treadmill Produces an...  
Anxious & Deceived Christianity**





**The Receptive Heart**

# The Receptive Heart

## The Seed On Good Soil

- The Good Heart is One Who...
  - Hears the Word
  - Accept It
  - Produces a Crop

## Lesson

Hearing God is Predicated on Our Desire to...

...Act On What God Reveals to Us

Genuine Change of Heart is Seen by its Fruits



Guard your heart



everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4.23