

## The Ultimate Test: Changed Hearts?

**Text:** Genesis 44

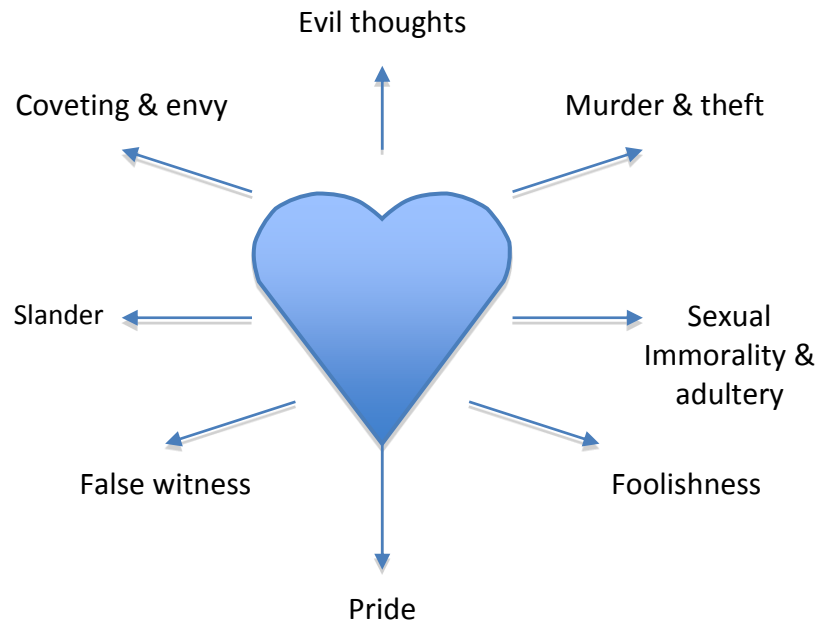
**Main Idea:** Changed hearts in God's people are evidenced by an awareness of sin, humility toward God, & love for others!

1. The **evidence of a changed heart** in God's people is \_\_\_\_\_ of their sin before God. (v. 16)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ are rightly seen as God's way of revealing sin!
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is avoided and full responsibility for sin is accepted.
  
2. The **evidence of a changed heart** in God's people is a genuine \_\_\_\_\_ & submission to God. (v. 14-18)
  - God's authority is a \_\_\_\_\_ authority.
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  - God's authority demands \_\_\_\_\_ submission.
  
3. The **evidence of a changed heart** in God's people is a genuine \_\_\_\_\_ & compassion for others. (v. 19-34)
  - God removes bitterness & anger and gives us a genuine concern & \_\_\_\_\_ for those who have wronged us.
  - God gives us a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ our own feelings for the sake of the feelings of others.
  - God gives us the strength to deeply \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of others.

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**Matthew 15:18-19** – “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”

**Mark 7:21** – “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and they defile a person.”



**Proverbs 4:23** – “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.” (NASB)

**Ezekiel 36:26** – “And I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

**What do your actions, words & attitudes  
say about your heart?**