



Prov. 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

If you step one foot onto the property of Disney World, you are bombarded with messages like, "Follow your heart! It won't steer you wrong." Or "Chase your dreams and they will always come true." Cinderella sings "Have faith in your dreams and someday your rainbow will come shining through."

John Bloom opens an article with this statement, "'Follow your heart' is a creed embraced by billions of people. It's a statement of faith in one of the great pop cultural myths of the Western world, a gospel proclaimed in many of our stories, movies, and songs."

The Bible teaches that the heart is a _____ leader.

1. The heart is a _____; not your ultimate truth (Jer. 17:9).
 Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Notes: _____

2. The heart is a _____; not a leader (Luke 12:34; Matt:6:21).
 Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Notes: _____

3. The heart is a _____; not an infallible guide (Matt. 15:19-20a; Luke 6:45).

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.
 Matt. 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20a These are the things which defile a man...

Notes: _____

4. The heart is a foolish confidant; not a trustworthy _____ (Prov. 28:26a).

Prov. 28:26a He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool:
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5. The heart is to be _____; it does not guard you. (Prov. 4:23).
 Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Notes: _____

6. The heart is not a _____; it must be directed. (Prov. 23:19).
 Prov. 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

Notes: _____

Come back next week, and we are going to see the correction aspect of God's Word on this topic. Because you might be asking If I can't trust my heart, who or what can I trust? Here is where the Bible is profitable to correct our thinking. While God's Word teaches that our heart is a dangerous leader...

The Bible teaches that the Lord is a _____ Leader.

Next week we will seek to begin answering the question: "How do I follow the Lord instead of my heart?"