

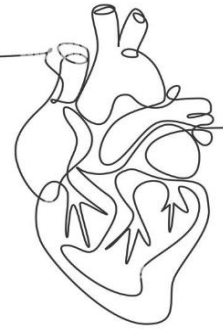
# SOFT HEARTS SAY THANK YOU

## PART 2



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# SOFT HEARTS | THANKSGIVING



**“It is imperative that  
we do not become  
numb.”**

# THE SOFT HEART . . .

**Has the Fear of God**

**Loves the Word**

**Forgives**

**Dead to self and selfless**

**Builds the Kingdom**

**Trusts God**

**Is humble**

**Seeks Jesus in ALL**

**Heart that Prays**

**Do not judge unjustly**

**Loves**

**Repents**

**Allows grace to flow**

**Thankful and content**

**Walks in the Light**

**Regards others higher**

**Obedient to Jesus**

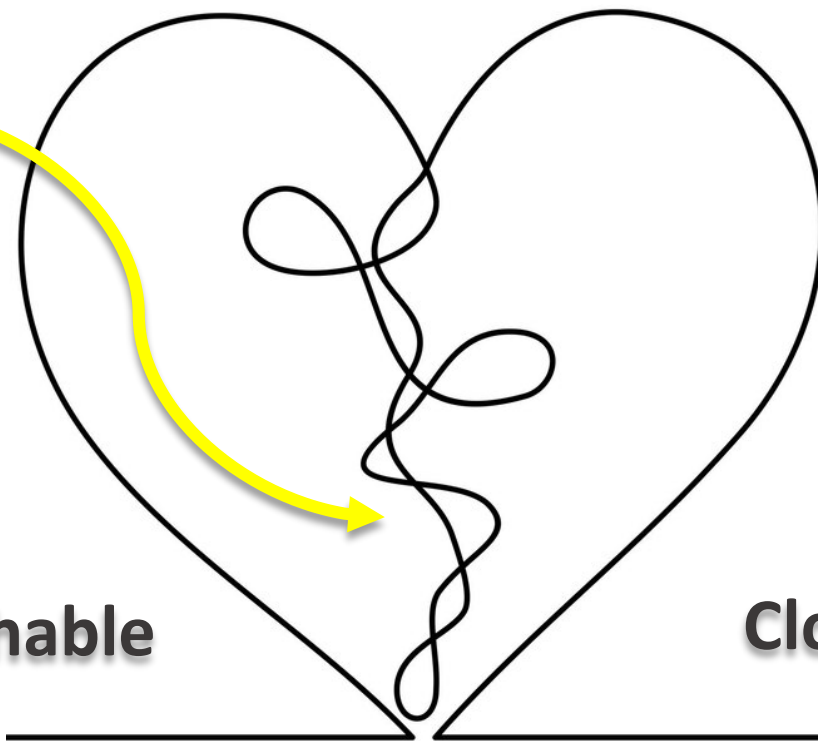
**Bears the fruit of the Spirit**

**Led by the Holy Spirit**

**Walks in accountability**

**Submissive and teachable**

**Close to God**



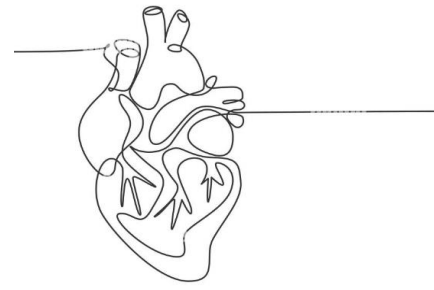


**#1 A soft heart of thanksgiving makes no place for cursing, criticising, malicious speaking and slander...**

**#2 A soft heart of thanksgiving keeps us undefiled, free from sin and keeps us righteous through faith – which leads to life**

**SOFT HEARTS**





## **1. Thanksgiving is a command:**

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice always! 17 Pray constantly. 18 Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## **2. Thanksgiving acknowledges the haves and not the have nots:**

## **3. Thanksgiving lives from a greater reality:**

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

Spirit fight: Ephesians 6

- not mere new age positive thinking or illusions or ignorance and avoidance
- this is faith and hope of a greater reality based on Truth

## **4. Thanksgiving knows and understands God's character:**

1 Chronicles 16:34 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

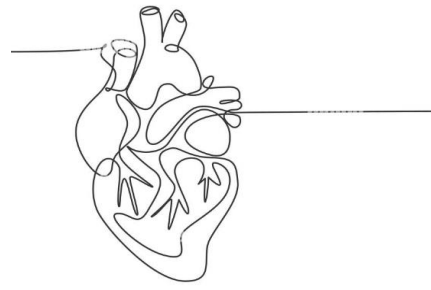
## **5. Thanksgiving aligns with grace and contentment: Philippians 4:6-7**

## **6. Thanksgiving is also prophecy: Romans 10:17**

## **7. Thanksgiving keeps the heart soft:**

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

# 1. The Saving grace of Thanksgiving:



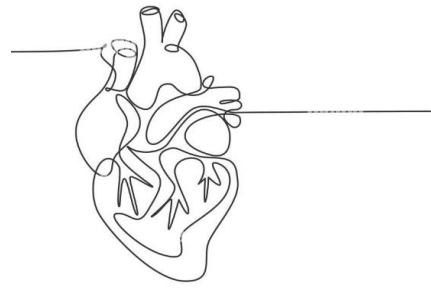
When we give thanks:

- We acknowledge something is not from ourselves
- We acknowledge grace | Something undeserved
- We take a humble posture
- We ascribe value to someone else
- We give honour to someone else
- There is a source and that source is not me...

**Reminder: FEAR OF MAN | FEAR OF GOD**

**Likewise: THANKSGIVING**

## 1.1 Romans 1:



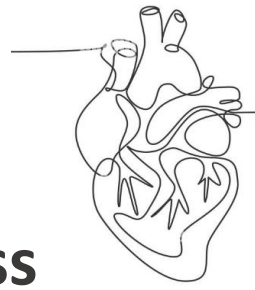
### 1. The Word

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2. This explains much of the brokenness in our world | Romans 1...**



## Romans 1: God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity



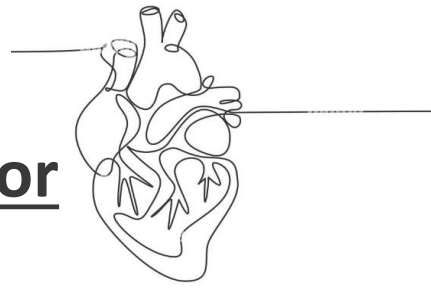
18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness [*unrighteousness*] of people, who **suppress the truth** by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because **God has made it plain to them**. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—**have been clearly seen**, being understood from what has been made, **so that people are without excuse...**

→ **Proved: Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** Also He has put eternity in their hearts...



## Romans 1:



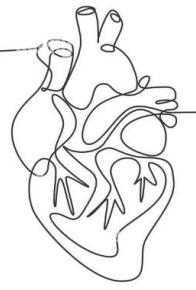
...21 For although **they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him**, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were **darkened**. *[hardness sets in..]*

22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. *[idolatry – fill in the blanks...]*

24 **Therefore God gave them over** in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and **worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator**—who is forever praised. Amen.

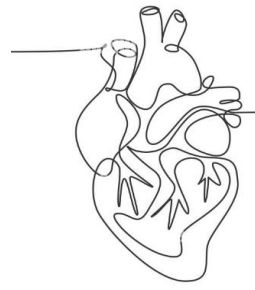
26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one

another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.



28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

# CLEAR FROM SCRIPTURE -



God and His glory is there, clear to see, yet man chooses to:

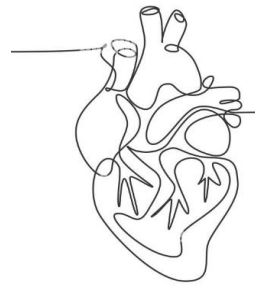
- 1. glorify other things; and**
- 2. not give thanks in humility and truth to God**

**The end is: darkened hearts and thinking leading to:**

Pride, sexual immortality, perversion, evil, gossiping and slander,  
envy, no love, etc....

## 2. Glory and Thanksgiving:

There's always been a battle for the glory...



In Romans 1 – **GLORY** I dox'-ah

G: glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literally or figuratively, objectively or subjectively): - **dignity**, glory (-ious), **honour**, **praise**, **worship**.

Also: kâbôd kaw-bode', kaw-bode'

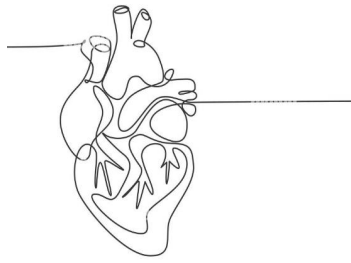
H: **properly weight**; but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: - glorious (-ly), glory, **honour** (-able).

How can we give glory to “**the King of glory**” (Ps. 24:8)? **Glory belongs to God** (John 17:5; Acts 7:55). **God reveals His glory** (Ex 24:17; 40:34; Ps. 19:1). **We can observe His glory** (John 1:14). But how do we give Him glory?

To glorify God is not to bestow glory on God or add to His glory, but to **recognize and acknowledge His glory**. The basic meaning of the word glory is “**heavy in weight**.” It is the “weighty importance and shining majesty that accompany God’s presence.” The verb glorify means “**to give weight to**” or “**to honor**.” **Thus, to glorify God is to recognize God for who He really is and to respond appropriately\***



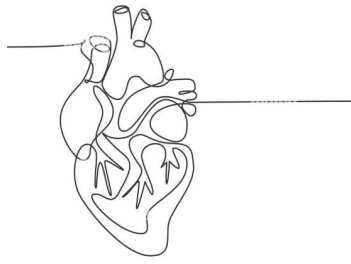
## 2.2 The devil and glory (worship):



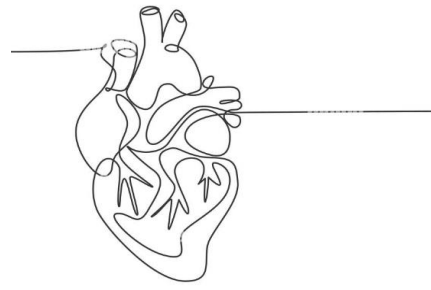
**Luke 10:18** And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”

**Isaiah 14:12** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

**Ezekiel 28:12** “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, thus says the Lord GOD: **“You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.** 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. **14 You were an anointed guardian cherub.** I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. 16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **17 Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.** I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. ...



## 2.3 Us and glory:

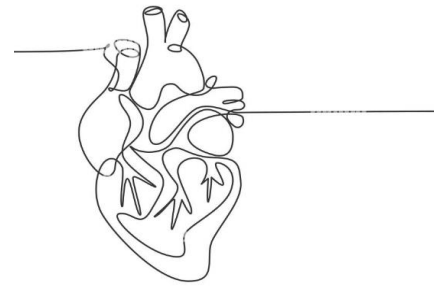


We run into serious trouble when we want God's honour, glory, splendor and place for ourselves...

→ A SOFT HEART FULL OF THANKS TO THE SOURCE OF LIFE, SOURCE OF GRACE, TALENTS, BEAUTY, CREATION, GREATNESS, FAVOUR, FRUIT and GIFTS KEEPS US SAFE....

*What about the rich guy, the highly intelligent individual, beautiful lady, talented musician, acclaimed artist, successful entrepreneur, brilliant athlete, the anointed minister or preacher, the unique you and the unique me?*

# IT IS BY GRACE, GIVE THANKS



**James 1:16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**It is by grace. Glorify God! Always give thanks and use what you have for Him, His Kingdom and His glory... Alone! Soft hearts ascribe glory and give thanks.**





**ALL GLORY AND THANKS BE TO GOD**

**SOFT HEARTS**





# SOFT HEARTS Prayer

