tightened his eyebrows in deep thought and with a bright smile asked, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

Forget physiology and let David be your teacher. ... Jesus Christ, the crucified Saviour and the risen Lord of glory, is indeed knocking at the door of every human heart. Our heart is the very core of our being, the controlling centre of decision and choice (Rev. 3:20).

Have you gladly invited Him to become your personal Saviour, forgiving your sins and cleansing your heart? (Jn. 3:1-16; Heb. 10:22). Have you invited Him into your life to rule as Lord, guiding your decisions and actions?

He's knocking, waiting to come in. --VCG

Take me as I am, Lord, And make me all Your own; Make my heart Your palace And Your royal throne. --Anon.

A healthy heart beats with love for Jesus.



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How Healthy Is Your Heart?

Let us draw near..., having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. --Hebrews 10:22

Has a doctor ever allowed you to use his stethoscope and listen to your own heart? It's a rather strange experience to hear the steady rhythms of that organ which started to function even before you were born and will continue beating until you die.



When Sue Monk Kidd was a nurse in a hospital pediatric ward, she often let her young patients listen to their own hearts. One day as she carefully positioned the stethoscope for a 4-year-old named David, she said to him, "Listen. What do you suppose that is?" He



Our Home Shepherding a Child's Heart: The Conscience

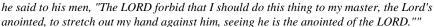
(Malachi 2:15) "But did He not make them one, ... And why one? He seeks godly offspring. ..."

Parents can use the Bible and conscience together:

1. Using the Word of God to _____ the conscience,

(Hebrews 4:12) "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

(1 Samuel 24:5-6) "Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. [6] And



(Romans 2:14-15) "for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, {15} who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)"

(1 Timothy 4:1-2) "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, {2} speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,"

(1 Corinthians 8:7) "However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with



consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled."

(Exodus 20:12) ""Honor your father and your mother, ..."

(Psalms 119:11) "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!"

(Acts 24:16) ""This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men."

(<u>Hebrews 13:18</u>) "Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably."

(Psalms 51:17) "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart; These, O God, You will not despise."

2. Using the Word of God to ______ to the conscience,

Matthew 21:23, 28-31, 33-40, 45, Ephesians 4:29-30, 5:1-12

(2 Corinthians 4:1-2) "Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. [2] But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

(Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

(Titus 1:15) "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled."

(Hebrews 9:14) "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

(Acts 2:38) "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

(Hebrews 5:14) "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

(James 4:1-2) "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? {2} You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask."





