

C & C: All Your Heart, All Your Mind,  
All Your Soul, All Your Strength

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

**Mark 12:29-30**

29 And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:**

30 **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

As Christians we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. This is the first commandment. If we find that we are struggling in any of these areas we need help from God because our love for him is not where it must be.

**Luke 14:26-35**

26 **If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.**

27 **And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

28 **For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**

29 **Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,**

30 **Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.**

31 **Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?**

32 **Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.**

33 **So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

34 **Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?**

35 **It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

These precious words from Jesus pretty much sum up the matter. Jesus must be first in your life above all else. Above your family, above yourself, and you must forsake all or you cannot be his disciple. Salt is only good if it hasn't lost its savor. If the salt has lost its savor then it isn't even fit "**for the dunghill**".

**Proverbs 4:23-27**

23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**

- 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.  
25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.  
26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.  
27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

The best way to keep your heart with all diligence is to submit yourself unto God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Submitting yourself unto God is to keep God's commandments and to refuse to give into the works of the flesh. It is to deny yourself ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly, righteously, and godly.

#### **Luke 6:43-46**

- 43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.  
44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.  
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.  
46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

It is impossible for a good tree to produce corrupt fruit and likewise for a corrupt tree to produce good fruit. You are known by the fruit you are producing! Out of the abundance of your heart your mouth will speak forth. What is within your heart will come out of your mouth. Jesus asks a very serious question. "why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" You are deceiving yourself. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (Jn 14:15)

#### **Matthew 15:18-20**

- 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.  
19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:  
20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Again just as "for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" we see that "those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man." It is out of your heart that evil thoughts proceed, "murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" and these "are the things which defile a man".

#### **Philippians 4:4-7**

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.  
5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.  
6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.  
7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Notice what the Apostle Paul has told us here. Rejoice in the Lord always, let your moderation be known unto all men, do not be anxious about anything, but in everything do it by prayer making your petitions known with thanksgiving and this is how we are to let our requests be made known unto God. Then we can rest assured that the peace of God will keep our hearts and our minds through Christ Jesus.

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Our weapons are mighty through God and will pull down our strong holds! Through the knowledge of the Word of God and by the Spirit of God we can cast down imaginations that come out of our hearts and we can cast down every high thing that would exalt itself against the knowledge of God while bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

### **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.