

Listen carefully to the beginning of the sermon.

What part of the
body are we
thinking about?
Draw it here:



What do we use this part of the body for? _____

But today we're thinking about how we use this to make choices and decisions.

For example, just as the Bible says:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart..."

Which of the things below sometimes make us want to do things? Circle them.

Our family	How we feel at the time	Nothing at all
Seeing what other people choose	Our friends	Jealousy
Fear	How much we enjoy it	Someone told us to

There are many different things that influence us in making decisions.

Sometimes these things help us make a **good** decision.

Sometimes these things help us make a **bad** decision.

But who makes our choices in the end? _____

In the end it is up to us!

As we grow up, it is an important thing for us to learn that we are **responsible** for the decisions our hearts make.

Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the ☐ for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

When I decide to do something wrong, it's not my fault, those other things made me do it ☐

I am responsible for the choices my heart makes ☐

God gives his people his word and his Spirit to help them make good and wise decisions ☐

So, God has made us able to make our own choices.

But we are not God, we are _____ (hnmau) _____ (eignsb).

There are some things we cannot choose.

This Bible verse is from 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."

Have a think about this verse, then use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

heart	stone	spirit	sin	not able
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Before we become God's children we are _____

to turn from our _____ and believe in Jesus. We just

can't do it! It's like our hearts are made of _____.

But God can give us a new _____ and a new

_____! He makes us new inside so we can choose to

trust in Jesus!

Now, if God has made us new and we are his children, do we always do the right thing?

But as we grow as God's children, he works his good things inside us **more** and **more**!

One day in God's new creation he will _____ his work in the hearts of his people. (hnfsii)

They will be like _____!
(ssJue)

Think over what we have learned about our hearts, then connect the correct parts of the sentences below.

If we are God's children today...

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...the hearts of God's people will be perfect and will never again choose to do wrong!

One day in God's new creation...

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...we have stone hearts that are not able to turn to God

Before we are God's children...

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...we still do wrong sometimes but can choose to say sorry and trust in Jesus

Pray

Praise God that he is able to turn our hearts of _____

into hearts of _____

Pray that he would turn us towards his word so we obey it.

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8v31-32