



"You Can't Get No Satisfaction"

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## WHY IS IT SO HARD TO GET ANY SATISFACTION IN LIFE?

*The heart is the most deceitful thing there is and desperately wicked. No one can really know how bad it is!*  
Jeremiah 17:9 (LB)

### THE HEART OF OUR PROBLEM

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*This is what I told them: 'Obey me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Do everything as I say, and all will be well!'*

*But my people would not listen to me. They kept doing whatever they wanted, following the stubborn desires of their evil hearts. They went backward instead of forward.*

Jeremiah 7:23-24 (NLT)

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Lord says, "Let not a wise man speak with pride about his wisdom. Let not the strong man speak with pride about his strength. And let not a rich man speak with pride about his riches. But let him who speaks with pride speak about this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who shows loving-kindness and does what is fair and right and good on earth. For I find joy in these things," says the Lord.*

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT)

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for...the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.*

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

## HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME YOUR HEART AND GET SATISFACTION?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Lord looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!*

Psalms 14:2-3 (NLT)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.*

1 Corinthians 10:12 (MSG)

3. Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

*Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.*

Proverbs 3:5 (MSG)

4. Be open to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it...For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.*

Proverbs 8:32-33, 35-36 (NLT)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that no sin deceives you.

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)

Sources: *The Essential Works of John Wesley* by Alice Russie, Wesley Center Online (*A Plain Account of His Life and Work*), and various illustrations from Preaching Today.

## ANSWER KEY:

### THE HEART OF OUR PROBLEM

1. Our **SELF-WILL.**
2. Our **PRIDE.**
3. Our **LOVE OF THE WORLD.**

### HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME YOUR HEART AND GET SATISFACTION?

1. **REMEMBER** your **HEART CONDITION.**
2. **DISARM** your **PRIDE.**
3. Put your **TRUST in GOD.**
4. Be open to **INSTRUCTION.**
5. **WATCH** and **PRAY** that no sin deceives you.