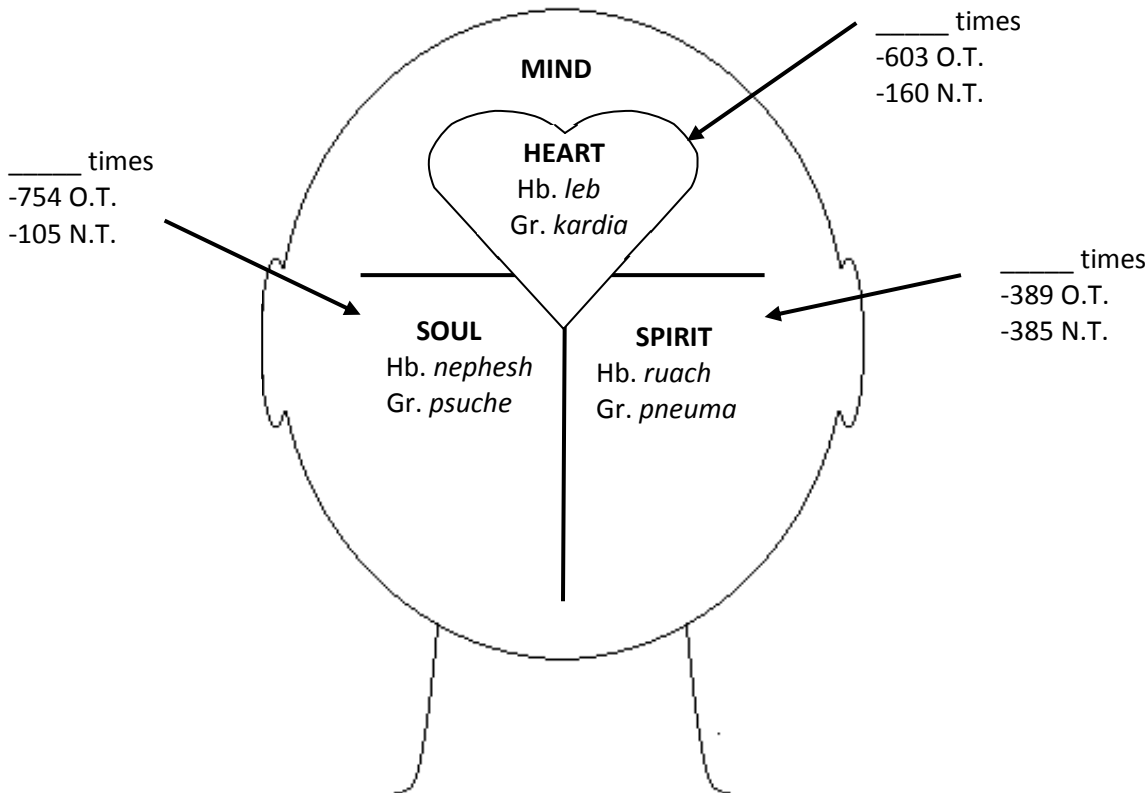


Some Statistical Evidence of the Biblical Emphasis (Nature of Man)



Observe the Biblical Emphasis Based Upon Word Usage

- The invisible nature of man is the biblical focus; not the visible.
- The biblical emphasis is on what _____ inside, our essential nature. It teaches us that we do what we do because we are what we are.
Example: Why is it so natural and universal that humans sin?
Equally: Why is it so natural that humans seek to give God reasons for acceptance (His) other than the death/resurrection of Messiah?
- Other books teach readers how to make a living: the Bible teaches readers how to live based upon internal realities.
- THE BIBLE GETS TO _____ OF THE MATTER!

“HEART” in Scripture: Getting to the HEART of the Matter

1. Used prolifically in both Testaments: 763 total (603 O.T.; 160 N.T.)
2. Efforts at definition:

Brown, Driver, Briggs:	<i>The inner man's... comprehending mind, affections, and will (p.524).</i>
Thayer:	<i>The center and seat of spiritual life, the soul or the mind, as it is the fountain and seat of thoughts, passions, desires, affections, purposes, endeavors” (p.325).</i>
Arndt & Gingrich:	<i>The center and source of the whole inner life with its thinking, feeling, and volition in the case of the natural man as well as the redeemed man” (p.404).</i>
Merryman, R.:	<i>A Hebraism for the deepest resources of the mind-soul-spirit-intellect; concisely, “heart” is one’s frame of reference on life (both saved and unsaved).</i>

3. “Heart” dynamics in Scripture (inside → out issues)

- The heart is not only the source of life dynamics, it also determines our capacity to orient to and enjoy life.

Prov. 4:23

Prov. 3:5-6

Prov. 23:7

Mt. 12:34

Psa. 119:11

Rom. 10:6-10

- The most serious problem of the natural (unsaved) man is his _____.

Jer. 17:9-10

Mt. 15:16-20

Eph. 4:17-18

- The “new creation in Christ Jesus,” the “new man,” brings with it a _____ heart. A new frame of reference on life develops as the EPIGNOSIS progresses.

- Our value center, our Bureau of Standards, that give meaning to life changes.
- Our trust center is revolutionized (what we trust in for life-satisfaction)
- Our tests and measurement center (our value system is refined and purged of human viewpoint).
- Our philosophy of life becomes totally new in Christ.