



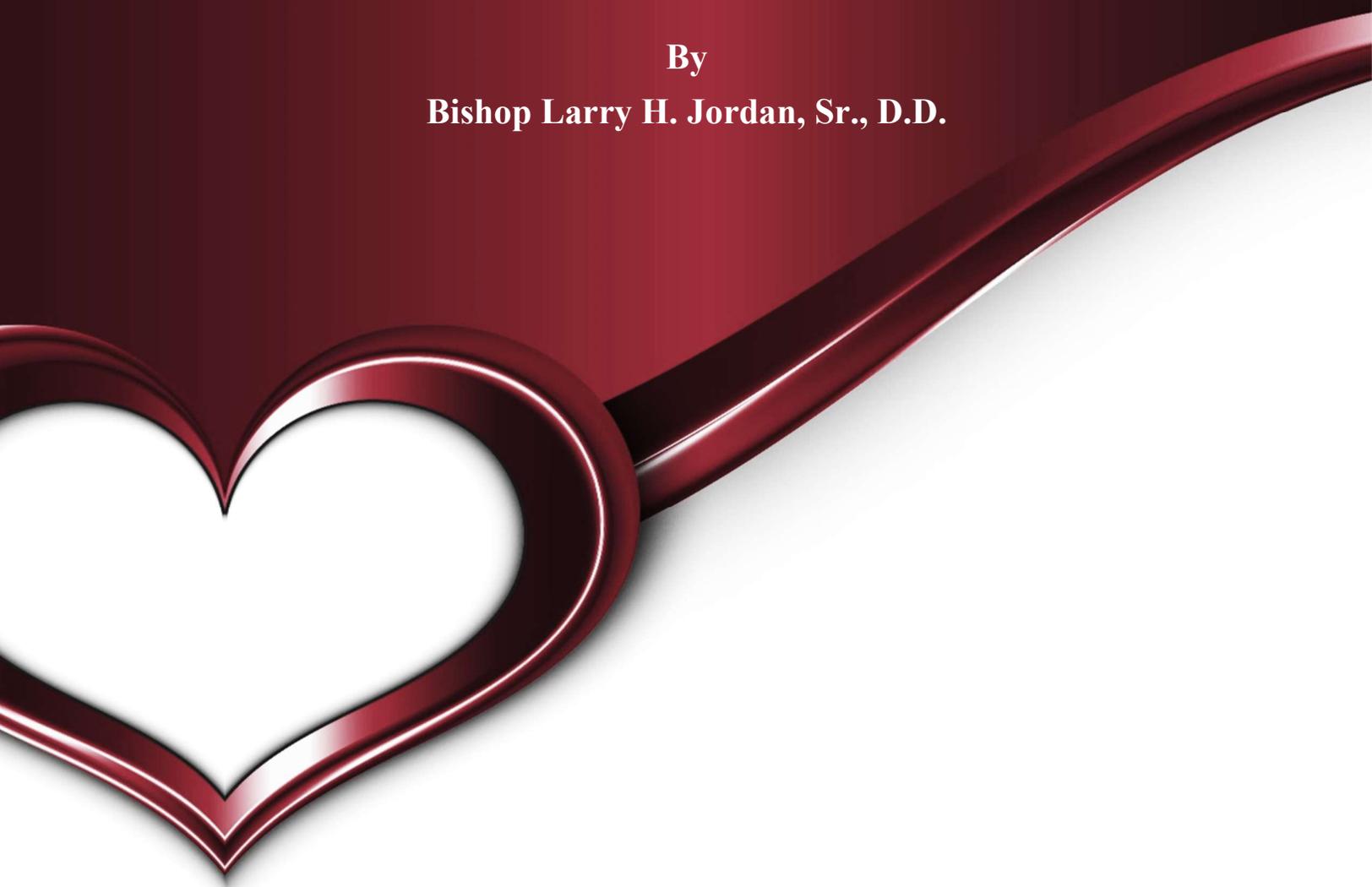
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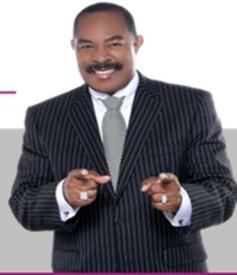
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To grow in the power of the Holy Spirit you must know what is in your heart. The heart is one of the most important organs in the human body. The job of the heart is to pump enough blood to deliver a continuous supply of oxygen and other nutrients to the brain and the other vital organs. Spiritually, the heart is the inward part of man, his spirit. As the natural heart circulates blood through the body, the Holy Spirit circulates the word of God, the kingdom of heaven and the will of God within your heart through His Son, Jesus Christ. The heart connects with your soul to give us the mind of Christ.

When you become a born-again Christian, the Holy Spirit lives in your heart. You become a spirit-filled being empowered to live a spiritual life in a human body. The word of God lives in our heart (our spirit) and mind (our soul) and leads us by the greatest power sent by God, the Holy Spirit. He is the teacher, comforter, helper to lead and guide us in all truth. While living in this world as a born-again believer you can live righteously, holy, godly, and obedient unto God, our Father. From your heart you can live a sanctified

life before God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Your heart gives you a spiritual conscience that convicts you so that you do not practice sin.

Although you are human your desires, affections, thoughts, intentions, perceptions, and reasoning should be based upon God's word and your love for Jesus Christ. Your heart should always be led of the Holy Spirit to please the Lord Jesus Christ. From the heart you should always renew your mind to control your imaginations, feelings, and emotions to keep you from failing in your walk with Christ. A person who regulates their flesh has brought their body under subjection for Christ. Remember Romans 14:8, "For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Therefore, we should live in the world with a pure heart.

1 Samuel 16:7 says, "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Acts 15:8-9 says, "8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." God justifies men according to their heart. What is in your heart for God to acknowledge you before men? Matthew 15:18-19 should be alive in our heart to think righteously and not allow evil thoughts to anchor in our soul. Make sure you live 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 as a practice in your life.

Always remember God's word in your heart will cause you to grow in the power of the Holy Spirit. When your spirit believes in the divine scriptures it brings forth the presence of God. John 7:38 says, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." Live with the Holy Spirit in your heart.