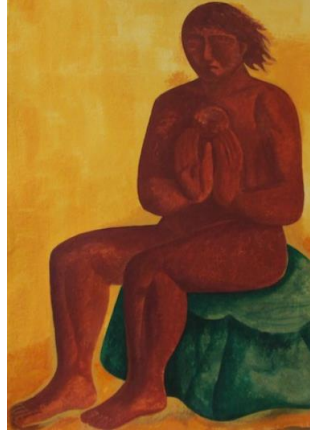# *YOUR IMAGE OR YOUR HEART?*

You have a choice:

You can work on your image,

or you can work on your heart.

It's impossible to do both.

A good image will take you far in this world---even in the "Christian World."

    Doors will open for you.

    People will seek your company.

But when darkness falls, and you're alone with your thoughts, what do you have?

After King David took Bathsheba and arranged to have her husband killed, his image was still intact.

    But his heart was a mess.

    His only hope was to exchange his phony image for a clean heart.

Which is what he did.

    "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*" he cried,
    "**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!**"

When you come face to face with Jesus the Messiah, you quickly discover that your only hope is to exchange your doubtful image for a clean heart.

Jesus died on that cross to drain away the mess within you and give you a clean heart.

Draw near, and ask him for cleansing.

He'll wash you within as no one else can.

""Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and the plate,
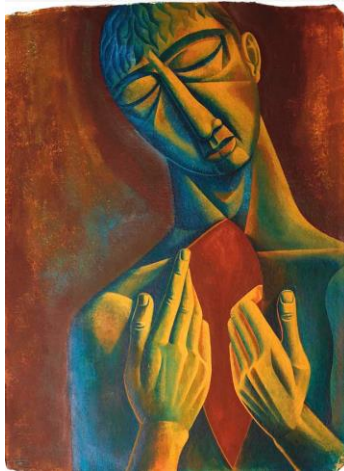*but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.*
You fools!

Didn't the one who made the outside make the inside as well?
But give from your heart to those in need,
and then everything will be clean for you."

Luke 11:39-41

What a relief to be able to walk through this world with a light heart, a clean heart…

A heart at peace with God and man.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to let go of being so concerned about our image and to open our hearts to you instead. Like David we admit our hearts are a mess. We open them before you. Wash them. Clean the inside of us. Take our ugly thoughts, our unloving and vain attitudes, our foolish self-preoccupation and drain them away. Give us new hearts, change these dark minds Lord…so yes, we can truly be at peace with you and with those around us. Amen.

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