



How is Your Health?

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*“The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick;
Who can understand it?”*



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*He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
But he who walks wisely will be delivered.*



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B. “All discernment” refers to moral perception and “insight” (NIV). Real love is NOT blind.

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- Paul wanted the Philippians to know the difference between what was a priority or what was not; between what is better or “best” (NIV).

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- Integrity is pursuing to live a life of genuine character; “blameless” or above reproach

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- John 15:4, *“Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.”*

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