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CHAPTER TEN: RESTORING THE FOUR CHAMBERS OF OUR HEARTS

The lock on a spiritual heart is pride. That hard-heartedness leads to foolishness, the antithesis of wisdom. Pride forsakes humility and divides the vertical, our relationship with God, from the horizontal, our relationships with others. When we focus on the vertical at the expense of the horizontal we fall into religion rather than relationships; we foster legalism instead of love, which is the essence of a stone heart. When we focus on the horizontal at the expense of the vertical we fall into license, which is doing whatever we want; the essence of a sand heart. Pride leads us to choices that separate the vertical from the horizontal, creating a four-walled prison that locks us out from restoring the four chambers of our spiritual hearts.

“Humility,” *anavah* in Hebrew means “to make lower than, or to bend the knee to.” It is the heart condition that fully surrenders all to God and unlocks wisdom’s gate (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 11:2, 22:4). Jesus said that He was gentle and humble in heart (Matthew 11:29). His life evidenced full surrender in its ultimate clarity as He surrendered everything to the Father. With pride comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom through grace.

“Wisdom” is *chokma* in Hebrew. It is God’s righteousness combined with street smarts. Wisdom makes our relationship with God *sticky* to our tasks and earthly relationships; it’s the intersection of the vertical with the horizontal. It unleashes transformation from the inside out. Wisdom is not merely an idea; it is a person in whom the vertical intersects with the horizontal. Paul referred to Christ, our Restorer, as the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24), and Solomon described the pre-incarnate Christ as *Wisdom* (Proverbs 8:22-36). We need the personal divine wisdom of the Restorer to unlock the four chambers of our spiritual hearts in order to travel Restoration Road.

Whenever a vertical line intersects with a horizontal line, four quadrants appear. The same is true with the human heart (*leb* or *lebab* in Hebrew, meaning one’s entire inner being). Just as the physical heart is comprised of four chambers, so the spiritual heart is comprised of four chambers remembered in the acronym, *WISE: Will, Intellect, Spirit, and Emotions*.

Navigating Restoration Road

How will you humbly flip the switch of your heart in order to choose wisdom?