



*"A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps."* Prov. xxi. 9.

*"There are many devices in a man's heart, nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."* Psalms xix. 21.

Many pretend to have a clean heart, and a good will, whilst they harbour foolish, and consequently unclean designs in their bosoms. It is said, a good man brings forth good things out of the good treasure of the heart, and it is very true ; but observe, that it is said, "***out of the good treasure***" of the heart ; (which is the new man) and not simply ***out*** of the heart, for there also, still dwells the old man and evil treasure of sin and corruption, which freely spring up, like the weeds.

Lord, send thy spirit down to write  
Thy law upon my heart!  
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,  
Nor act a liar's part.

From vanity turn off my eyes,  
Let no corrupt design.  
Nor covetous desires arise  
Within this soul of mine.

Order my footsteps by thy word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in thy commands;  
'Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,  
Offend against my God.

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