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SEARCH MY HEART

Psalms 139:23-24 says, ***“23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts 24 and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.”***
When we allow God to search our hearts, it means that we give Him permission to look for those things, even secret things that have been tucked away that we haven't dealt with.

Secret sins can cause a heart to become hardened towards the things of God. It is like a stinger under the skin that goes deeper and deeper. If you don't get it out, eventually you won't see it, but when you bump it there is instant pain. It stings. In I Corinthians 15:56 it says, ***“The sting of death is sin”.***

When we leave sin undealt with, eventually we become cold towards the things of God. Perhaps you may think you have good reason not to repent of some things that have happened, but there is no sin that remains that will not eventually cause problems. When we ask God to search our hearts, He will bring to our mind those things that have to “be pulled out” before they grow into bigger problems.

Look at it in another way. Suppose you were shot and they could not take out the bullet. You are warned that a move in a wrong way could bring death. This is exactly what happens with sin that isn't removed. It eventually becomes the sting of death.

It isn't worth harboring the things that upset us and cause us to sin. Allow God to search your heart and pull those “stingers” out and I can promise you that you will feel better. How do I know? Because I have had to do it myself, and when I was finished, I felt better. If it worked for me it will work for you.