

Jeremiah 17:1-14 • The Deceitful Heart

1. (v.1-4) The problem is not occasional **backsliding** into sin, but a lifestyle of **idolatry**—choosing something in place of **God**.
2. (v.5-8) One living “like a **bush** in the desert” is one “who trusts in **mankind**”; One who is “like a **tree** planted by water” is one “who trusts the **LORD**”.
3. (v.9-11) Anything the world has to offer in order to change the **heart** will fall short; only Holy-Spirit filled change takes place when the **Word of God** is taken by **faith**.
4. (v.12-14) Only if we face our sins and return to the Lord is there the **hope**—the **assurance**, of being healed and saved both in this **life** and the **one to come**.