

In Ezekiel 36:26–27 God promised that certain things would happen when a person is born again and saved: “**A new heart also will I give you** (*a new inner control center that is bent toward God and His ways*), **and a new spirit will I put within you** (*a new nature or new disposition and orientation of life, the very life and nature of God which produces new drives, desires, determination to live for God*): **and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh** (*a hard, unresponsive, insensitive, calloused heart that is against God and His ways*), **and I will give you an heart of flesh** (*a soft, pliable, sensitive, heart that is responsive to God’s commands and ways*). **And I will put my spirit within you** (*the Holy Spirit*), **and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them** (*the Holy Spirit will give us the power to accomplish God’s will and live a new way of life that consists of good works and obedience to God*).

Philippians 2:13 is the New Testament equivalent:

“**For it is God which worketh in you both to will** (*providing us with new incentive, drive, determination, and willpower to follow His righteous path and will for our lives*) **and to do of his good pleasure**” (*to provide us with the power to accomplish His holy purposes and ways for our lives*).