Psalm 7:9b (NIV) “You, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.”

Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

Ps 119:29 “Keep me from lying to myself.”

Luke 19:1-10 He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.” For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

When God looks deep in our hearts and minds, what does he find?

• A surrendered heart?
• A heart knowing its dependence on Him and content with it?
• A heart and mind sober about its flaws and weaknesses?
• A heart full of magnanimous love and grace for others?

Ps 119:25 I lie in the dust, completely discouraged; Revive me by your word.

• Never beyond reach

Ps 119:26 I told you my plans, and you answered. Now teach me your principles.

• Transparency

Ps 119:27 Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful miracles...

• Vulnerability
Ps 119:28 I weep with grief, encourage me by your word…
  •  Comforter

Ps 119:29 Keep me from lying to myself, give me the privilege of knowing your law…
  •  Cry for truthfulness

Ps 119:30 I have chosen to be faithful I have determined to live by your law.
  •  Determination

Ps 119:31 I cling to your decrees. Lord, don’t let me be put to shame!
  •  Tenacity

Ps 119:32 If you help me I will run to follow your commands.
  •  Committing of self

Ps 119:33 Teach me, o Lord, to follow every one of your principles.
  •  Hunger to learn

Ps 119:34 Give me understanding and I will obey your law: I will put it into practice with all my heart.
  •  Devotion

Ps 119:35 Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found
  •  Realization