

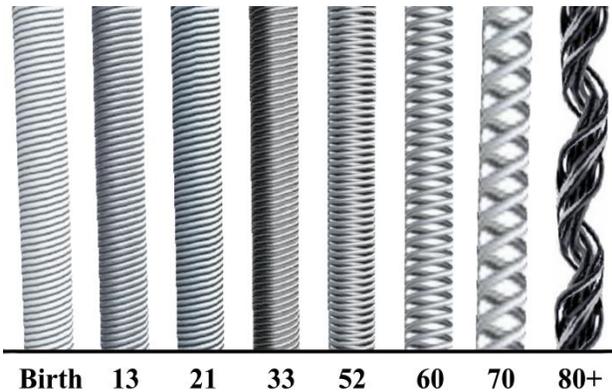
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Job 30:11, “Because he hath **loosed my cord**, and afflicted me, they have also let **loose the bridle** before me.”



Job 16:13, “His archers compass me round about, **he cleaveth my reins asunder**, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.”

Job 19:27, “Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; **though my reins be consumed within me.**”

This study is about the connection between the tripartite nature of man and how you are anchored in heaven or hell. The Silver Cord is the same as the Reins and Bridle of the heart and it is connected to the body in many places. This is NOT the responsibility connection that holds your soul responsible for the sins of the flesh. This silver cord is connected throughout your spirit, soul & body; and connects every part of each of them. All your five outer senses are connected by this silver cord and your inner senses are connected by this also. This is why your soul feels what your body experiences. This connection ends when you physically die.

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Psalms 7:9, “Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous **God trieth the hearts and reins.**” The heart and reins are

very much connected and reins are what guides you or directs your paths. Who has hold of your reins?

Psalms 16:7, “I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: **my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.**” Your reins instruct you. This is what connects your carnal mind to the mind in your soul; your consciousness and your conscience. It delivers instruction. The silver cord is an information highway for many things going on in you between your body and your soul.

Psalms 26:2, “Examine me, O LORD, and **prove me; try my reins and my heart.**” It is because of the heart and what you love that it is tried and proven; your reins go to every part of your person and delivers things out of your heart.

Psalms 73:21, “Thus **my heart was grieved**, and I was **pricked in my reins.**” When your heart is grieved you can feel a prick in your insides; yet this heart is the heart of the soul; not the heart of the body. Nevertheless the reins connect the heart of the soul to the heart of the body and this connection can be felt in the chest as pain when the heart is broken.

Psalms 139:13, “For **thou hast possessed my reins**: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.” You cannot run from God because He knows your thoughts; when you were in your mother’s womb it was the Lord that possessed your reins. You had no design or involvement in that. Notice the context: Psalms 139:7-16, “**Whither shall I go from thy spirit?** or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; **Even there shall thy hand lead me**, and **thy right hand shall hold me**. If I say, Surely the **darkness shall cover me**; even **the night shall be light about me**. Yea, **the darkness hideth not from thee**; but **the night shineth as the day**: the **darkness and the light are both alike to thee**. **For thou hast possessed my reins**: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**: marvellous are thy works; and that **my soul knoweth right well**. My substance was not hid from thee, **when I was made in secret**, and **curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth**. Thine eyes did see **my substance**, yet being **unperfect**; and **in thy book all my members were written**, which **in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.**” These reins are connected when you were made and they connect your soul and your substance and all your members.

Proverbs 23:16, “Yea, **my reins shall rejoice**, when thy lips speak right things.” The reins are connected to speech; the lips and tongue and mouth.

Isaiah 11:5, “And **righteousness** shall be the **girdle** of his **loins**, and **faithfulness** the **girdle** of his **reins**.” The reins are connected to your will and your loins of your flesh.

Jeremiah 11:20, “But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that **triest the reins and the heart**, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.” It is because of the connection between the heart and everything else by the reins that the reins and heart must be tried and not just the heart. Most lost men have hold of their own reins to an extent in this life.

Jeremiah 12:2, “Thou hast **planted** them, yea, they have **taken root**: they **grow**, yea, they **bring forth fruit**: **thou art near in their mouth**, and **far from their reins**.” The wicked seem to have been given more blessings but their reins are self-controlled and not controlled by the Lord. Yet they seem to be near in their mouth; because they are liars. In the contest we read: Jeremiah 12:1-3, “Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: **Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth**, and **far from their reins**. But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and **tried mine heart toward thee**: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.”

Jeremiah 17:10, “I the LORD **search the heart**, I **try the reins**, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” It is because of the reins that judgment on a man is according to his ways; and the fruit of his doings; because it all comes from the heart of man through the reins. This is why man that controls himself will end up in hell. They are on the wrong way and their fruits bear witness to their heart.

Jeremiah 20:12, “But, O LORD of hosts, that **triest the righteous**, and **seest the reins and the heart**, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.” The soul is seen because it is a spiritual body with the same members as the fleshly body has; yet it is not physical or carnal. The Lord sees the reins and the heart because all things are open to him.

Lamentations 3:13, “He hath caused the **arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins**.” The reins are connected to the body and soul and spirit. An arrow that

pierces the body and destroys that part of the body it also does something to the reins and is felt deep in the soul of the person.

Revelation 2:23, “And I will kill her children with death; and all the **churches** shall know that **I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts**: and I will give unto **every one of you according to your works**.” This looks like a quote from Jeremiah 17:10 above. Yet this is to the church of Thyatira given in the tribulation to this type of local church left over after the body of Christ resurrected. This is a direct reference to the Great White Throne Judgment in Revelation 20:11-15, “And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, **stand before God**; and **the books were opened**: and **another book was opened, which is the book of life**: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works**. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works**. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**”

James 3:2, “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to **bridle** the whole body.” There is an element of self-control that a Christian should have. Galatians 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, **temperance**: against such there is no law.” Temperance is just that “self-control” 1 Corinthians 14:32-33, “And **the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets**. For **God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

You should bridle the whole body if you are saved. That is almost near to impossible; but with God all things are possible. Simply put the Silver Cord is located inside you. It is not a physical thing; and it is not made of the silver ore. It is silver in color and is attached to the body in thousands of places running through the soul and through the spirit and out into the spiritual realm. It is by the condition of your spirit that the anchor of your soul is fashioned in heaven or hell.

## **The anchor of the soul:**

Hebrews 6:17-20, “Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the **heirs of promise** the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two

immutable things, in which it was **impossible for God to lie**, we might have a **strong consolation**, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon **the hope set before us**: Which **hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast**, and **which entereth into that within the veil**; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Romans 5:1-5, “Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**: By whom also we have **access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and **rejoice in hope of the glory of God**. And not only so, but we **glory in tribulations** also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience**; And **patience, experience**; and **experience, hope**: And **hope maketh not ashamed**; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts** by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

Romans 8:16-25, “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, **that we are the children of God**: And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God**, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer **with him**, that we may be **also glorified together**. For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the **earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God**. For **the creature** was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same **in hope**, Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but **ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves **groan within ourselves**, waiting for the adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body**. For we **are saved by hope**: but **hope that is seen is not hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we **hope for that we see not**, then **do we with patience wait for it.**”

Colossians 1:27-29, “To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory** of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**: Whom we preach, **warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**: Whereunto I also labour, striving **according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.**”

1 Peter 1:3-9, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, To an **inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you**, Who are

**kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”**

1 Peter 3:15-20, “But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts**: and be ready always to give an **answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you** with meekness and fear: **Having a good conscience**; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, **if the will of God be so**, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, **that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit**: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls **were saved by water.**” There are all kinds of ways the word saved is used. But when we talk about salvation or being saved we are talking about the soul being saved from hell fire. Our hope that is the anchor of our soul is the fact that our soul is saved and therefore safe in that our spirit is born again. This hope then is sure and steadfast because it is not a hope in something we are guessing about. It is already in side us and we are already the sons of God but it does not yet appear so on the outside. We are already saved but it does not appear so on the outside YET.

1 John 3:1-3, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that **we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and **it doth not yet appear what we shall be**: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath **this hope in him** purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

## **The heart is linked to other things:**

The heart is linked to its imagination and has thoughts of its own that are designed by things of your emotions or things that you love. Genesis 6:5, “And GOD saw

that the **wickedness** of man was great in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**” 1 Chronicles 29:18;

## **The imagination of the heart:**

Genesis 8:21; Deuteronomy 29:19; Jeremiah 3:17; 7:24; 9:14; 11:8; 13:10; 16:12; 18:12; 23:17.

## **Thoughts of the heart:**

Job 17:11, “**My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.**”

Psalms 139:23, “**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:”**

Jeremiah 4:14, “O **Jerusalem, wash thine heart** from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy **vain thoughts lodge within thee?**”

Matthew 15:18-20, “But those **things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart**; and they defile the man. For **out of the heart proceed** evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **These are the things which defile a man:** but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.”

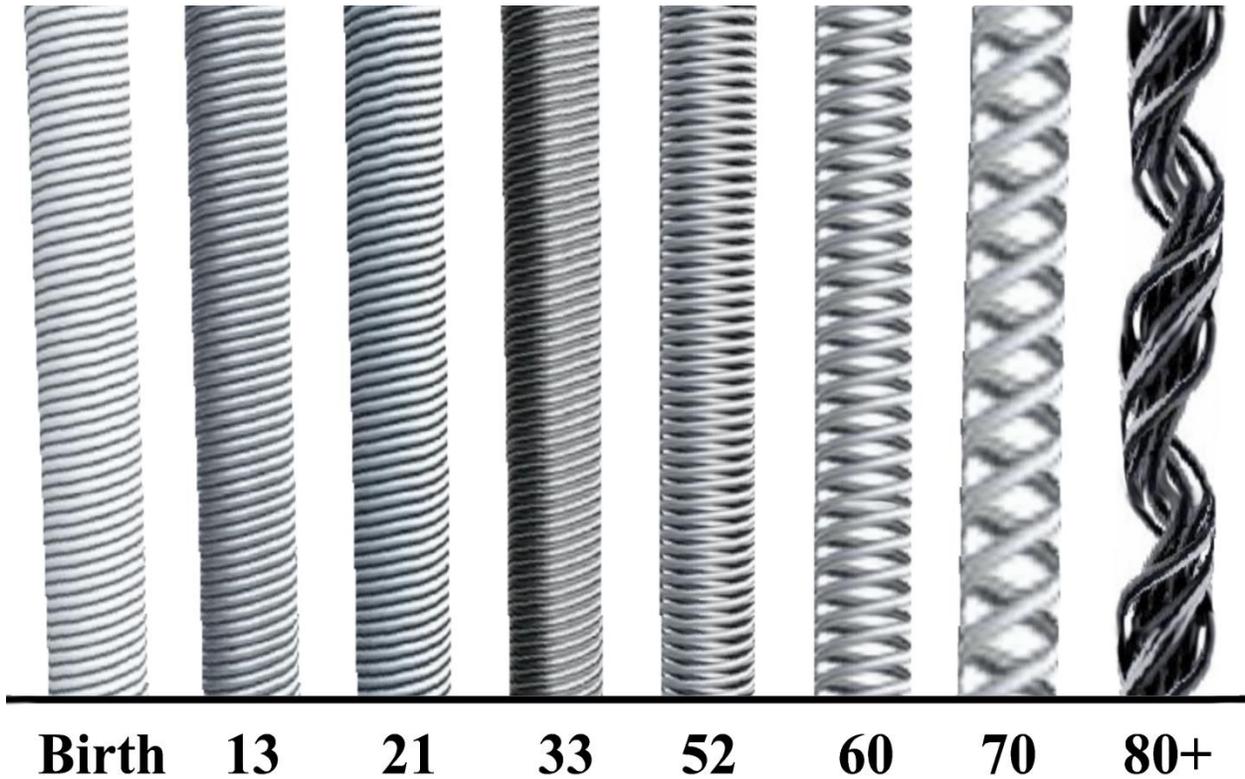
Mark 7:20-23, “And he said, **That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.** For **from within, out of the heart of men, proceed** evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things **come from within, and defile the man.**”

Hebrews 4:12-13, “For **the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest **in his sight:** but all things are naked and opened unto the **eyes of him** with **whom** we have to do.”



# Appendix

## The Silver Cord



The Silver Cord loosening throughout age until it is completely loosed:  
Ecclesiastes 12:5b-6a, "...desire shall fail: because **man goeth to his long home**, and the **mourners** go about the streets: Or ever **the silver cord be loosed...**"  
vs. 7, "**Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."**

1 Corinthians 6:17-20, "**But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**"**