

## Conversion is a Change of Heart

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Pastor is the second sentence missing the word "to" (right before the word "what"? Also, i think the letter "T" in the word "There" is supposed to be capitalized after the period.

Conversion is a change of the heart or will: and in this change 1. there is a liking what was disliked before, and a disliking to what was liked.

Before Conversion the very bent of a man's mind is towards the things below, and against the things of God; he relishes the things below, and it pleases him to possess them, or to think of possessing them; but he has no pleasure in God, nor in thinking or hearing of the world to come. Things do not please or displease according to the real goodness or evil of them, but according to their being agreeable or disagreeable to the inclination of a man.

What pleasanter life to a drunkard or a glutton than to pour into and stuff his paunch? and to any sharp stomach how good is his meat? but when a man is sick, it is unpleasant to eat his food; He loaths it, and cannot get it down, he had rather cast the greatest dainty into the mire, than take it into his stomach, which goes against it. Prov. 27. 7. So it is with the sick unrenewed Soul; he has no pleasure in holy things, it goes against his heart to think, or speak, or hear much of them.

He wonders that other men can take so much delight in hearing or reading the word of God, or in praying, for his part he is weary to bear it: tho' for fashion; or fear of the wrath of God, he comes to church, or says over a few words of hypocritical heartless prayer, yet he longs to have done with it, and is glad when it is over.

Therefore the Scripture calls persons of such a stamp enemies to God, and haters of him, for their hearts are not with him, tho' they draw nigh to him with their mouths. Mat. 15. 7. 8. This then is the first change.

(A Treatise on Conversion... by Richard Baxter, n.d. [1657], e-book, 8, Text and Paragraph Structure Modified)