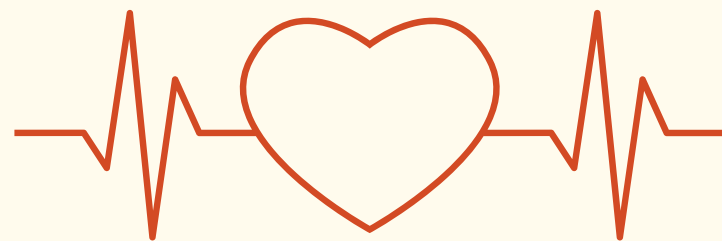


# *A Biblical Study of the Heart*





**We have a congenital  
heart condition!!**



**An evil heart...**

**... every intent of the  
thoughts of his heart was  
only evil continually.**

**(Gen 6:5)**

**...the intent of man's heart  
is evil from his youth.**

**(Gen 8:21)**

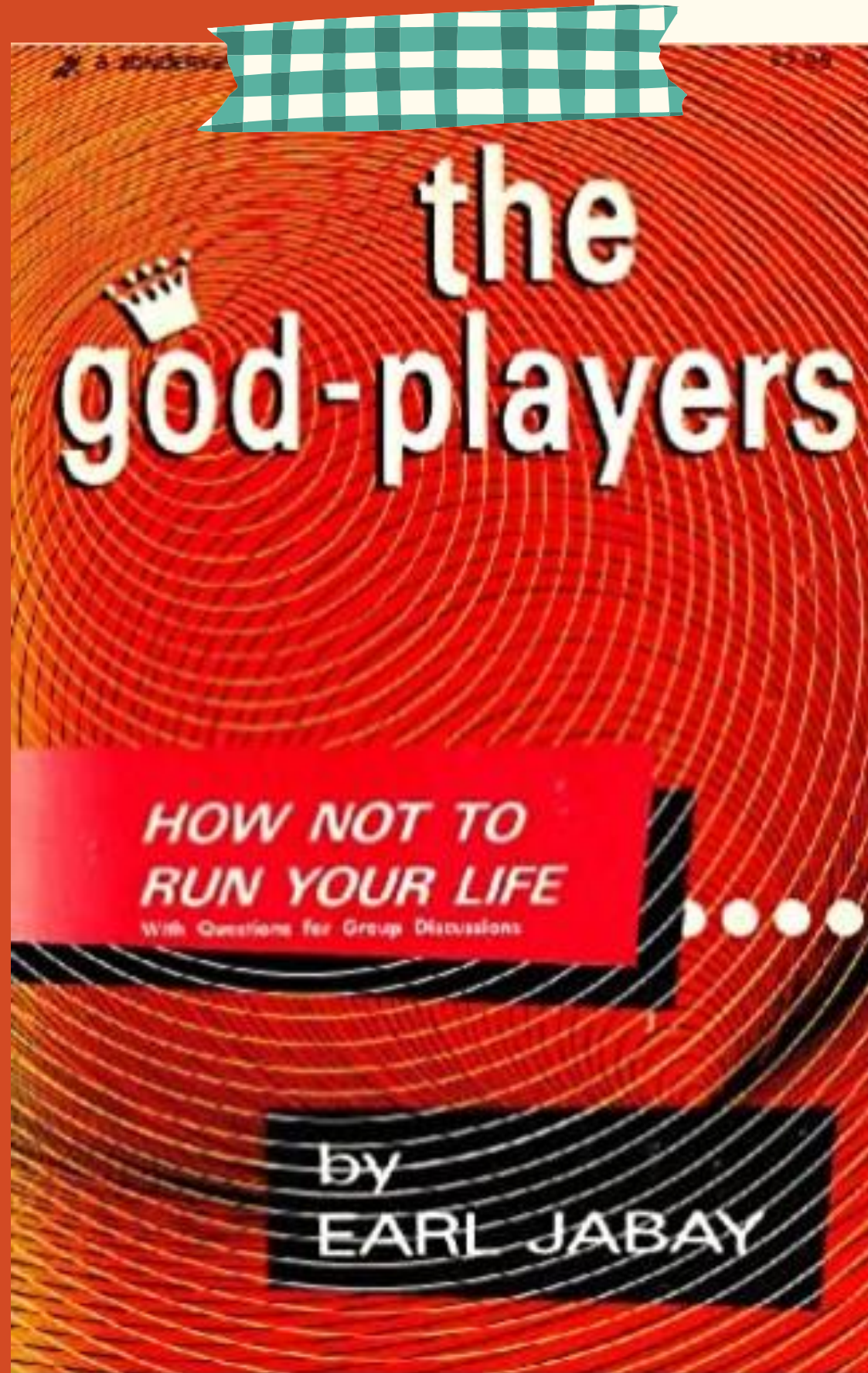


In the Bible, the  
opposite of evil



is "good."





# A proud heart...

Earl Jabay, *The God-Players: How Not to Run Your Life* (Zondervan, 1969).

- ◆ The “Gift” of Covid
- ◆ The Real American S-Word





# A deceitful heart

**“...there is nothing more cunning and crafty at attempting to make its pursuit of evil look good than the human heart.”**

*Minding the Heart, p. 55*



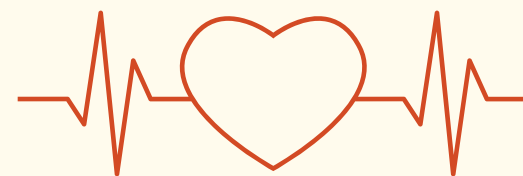
# God's desire for our heart



**A whole heart, a  
shalem heart ...**



**For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro  
throughout the whole earth  
to strongly support those whose heart is  
blameless [lit. “whole”] toward him.  
(2 Chron 16:9)**



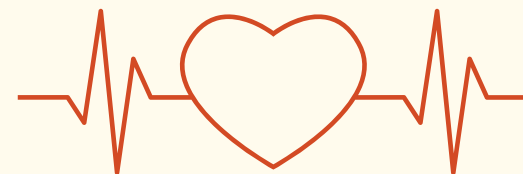
# A heart of truth and wisdom...

Behold, you delight in truth in  
the inward being, and you teach  
me wisdom in the secret heart.

(Ps 51:6)

Who shall dwell on your Holy  
hill? He who,... speaks truth in  
his heart. (Ps 15:2)

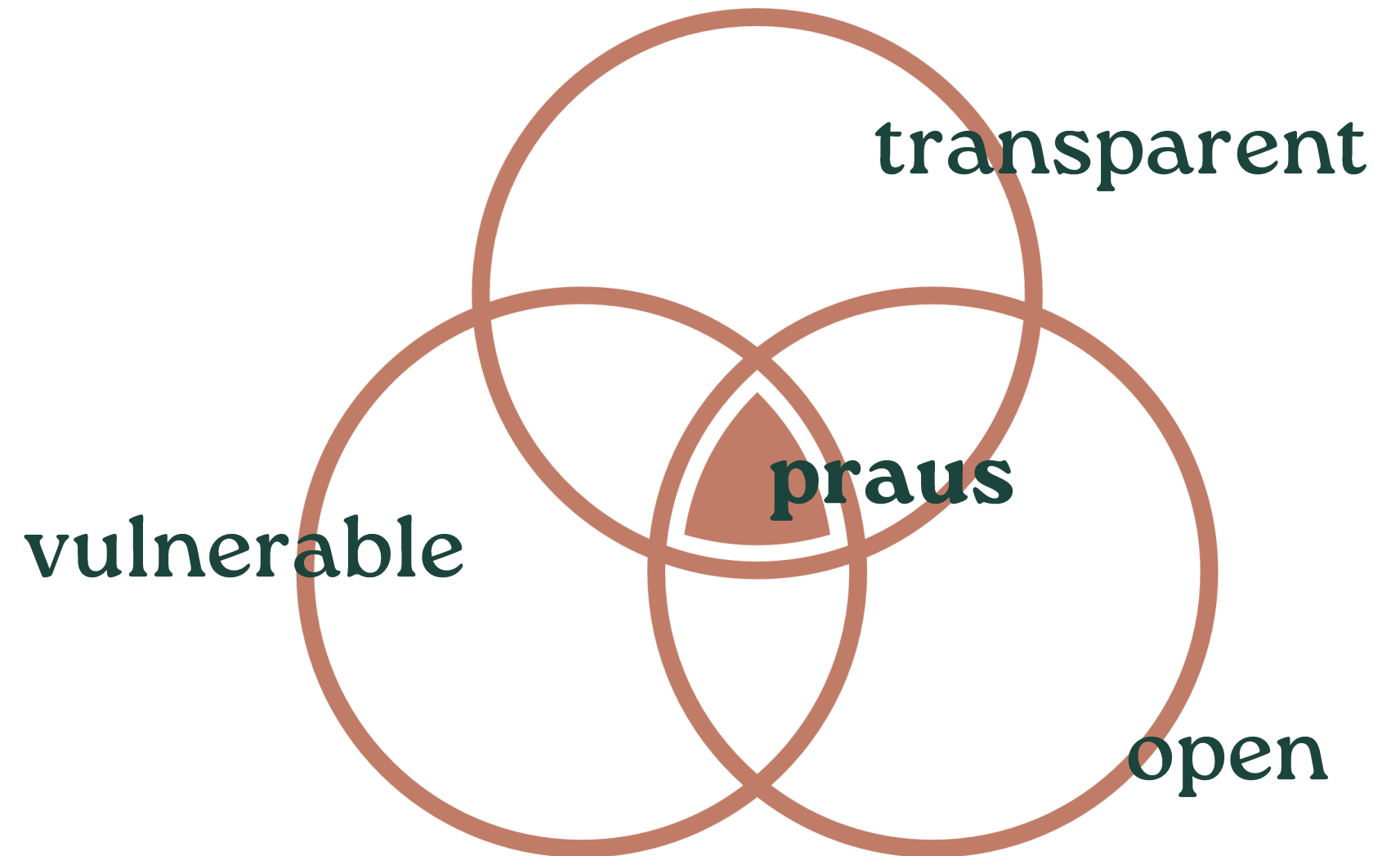
So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of  
wisdom. (Ps 90:12)



# A humble heart...

Jesus: "Take my yoke and learn from me, for I am praus and humble of heart" (Matt 11:29).

## The Praus Venn-diagram:





# God's provision for our "heart transplant"

**A heart of flesh, not stone**

**(Ezek 36:27)**

**= a new responsiveness to God**

**The law within-  
written on our heart (Jer 31:33)**

**= a new depth of knowledge of  
God (Jer 24:7)**

**= a new enablement to walk in  
His ways (Jer 24:7)**



# A new love is the "engine" of the new heart

Love for God (1 John 5:2-3)

Love for Christ (1 John 5:1)

Love for God's people (1 John 3:14; 4:7)

Love for righteousness (God's law) (1 John 2:29; 3:9; 5:18)

