

♥HOW IS YOUR HEART?

(Developed from a paper by George Zeller)

*King David passed these wise words unto his son Solomon who would be the next king of Israel when he said:
"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal _____ and with
a willing mind; for the Lord _____ all _____ and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If
you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever (1 Chronicles 28:9).

♥ *Let's look into the heart of the matter...*

I. HEART EXAMINATION #1—BAD TESTS RESULTS FROM FOUR CASES

A. Solomon:

1. Did he have a godly father (1 Chronicles 28:9)? _____
2. He was _____ in the Scriptures with a _____ of God (1 Kings 8:17,19,22-23, 54-56,61)
3. God was gracious with Solomon and gave him two special gifts _____ and _____ (1 Kings 3:12-13,4:29-30)
4. He had it all until he _____ into _____ sin and major _____ (1 Kings 11:1-4,6,9-10)
5. He _____ not that which the God had _____ and was promised that He would tear or split the _____ away from Solomon (1 Kings 11:10-11)

**Principle: The Heart of the Matter Is A Matter of the Heart!*

B. The wandering Israelites:

1. They came out of Egypt _____ who witnessed the mighty _____ of God at the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
2. But instead of being _____ for their rescue unto freedom they _____ and _____ (Deuteronomy 5:4,22)
3. They tragically _____ in the wilderness and could not enter the promised land because of their _____ (Hebrews 3:7-15, 13:9)

**Consider the word "today" 5x and "heart" 4x in the text (Hebrews 3:7-15, 13:9)*

C. Judas

1. Let's examine Judas who was "_____ of the twelve" mentioned 7x in the gospels (John 6:71)

2. He had it made including witnessing the _____ of Jesus, was directly _____ by the Lord the greatest _____ the world has ever known (John 6)
3. His life ended in tragic _____ due to a _____ and rejection of Jesus Christ; doomed to hell forever and ever (Matthew 26:24, John 17:12)

**Consider if Jesus could preach in this church how effective could it be if the heart were not right!*

D. Those in the Millennial Kingdom

1. During the Millennial Kingdom every condition and environment will be _____.
2. Yet at the end of one thousand years Satan will be _____ and thousands of people will follow him and will _____ against God proving their hearts were not right (Revelation 20:1-3)

**Perfect environments can lead to failure and eternal doom if the heart is not right!*

II. HEART EXAMINATION #2—GOOD TESTS RESULTS FROM FOUR CASES

- A. Abraham had an _____ spiritual background including a pagan father in an imperfect pagan environment but Abraham believed God and God called him His _____ (Joshua 24:2, Isaiah 41:8)

**What was the key to Abraham's success?*

- B. Joseph had _____ favorable conditions for his _____ but like Abraham the key to his life was his heart (Genesis 39:2-3, 21, 23)

- C. Josiah was only _____ when he became King of Judah yet despite his wicked grandfather Manasseh and his father King Amon who "did evil in the sight of the Lord", _____ Josiah had a _____ towards God (Genesis 39: 2-3, 21-23, 2 Chronicles 33:2, 6, 21-22, 34:1-3)

- D. Daniel also had the odds stacked against him but despite _____ in captivity and surrounded by pagan influences yet he _____ in his _____ to put the Lord _____ in his life (Daniel 1:8)

III. CONCLUSION

♥ *some final thoughts*

- A. No matter what your _____ in life the _____ thing that matters the most is how is your _____?
- B. "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in _____ with all your _____; for consider what great things He has _____ for you" (1 Samuel 12:24)