

## *God is doing Heart Surgery on you this hour*



*That is why the LORD says,  
"Turn to me now, while there is time.  
Give me your hearts.  
Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.  
Don't tear your clothing in your grief,  
but tear your hearts instead."  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is merciful and compassionate,  
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.  
He is eager to relent and not punish.  
Joel 2:12-13*

God desires for you to have a united heart with Him - an undivided heart to fear His name and walk in His ways. He doesn't look at the outward appearance of a person, instead God looks at your heart.

*Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name. Psalm 86:11*

*I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them  
their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 11.19*

*But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have  
rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the  
outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*

David wasn't chosen by God because of his awesome war skills. He was chosen because he was a man after God's own heart.

*But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have  
found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'  
Acts 13:22*

Jesus tells us the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart and this is what defiles them. Proverbs 4.23 warns us to guard our heart because from it flows the springs of life. God wants to create in you a pure/clean heart. A heart that is undivided (meaning not separated, completely devoted) to him. God will not reject a broken and repentant heart (Psalm 51).

*“Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.” Matthew 15:17-20*

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23*

Through the study of scriptures, we see that our heart is vitally important to God. The depth and intimacy of our relationship with God and others stems from the heart. Only God, through the power of His Holy Spirit that lives in us can change our heart to be united with His. Not by might nor by power but by my spirit (Zechariah 4:6). You can do nothing apart from Jesus (John 15:5).

Father we pray that you create in us a clean heart by the power of your Holy Spirit. As your word says, teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Lead me in your ways from everlasting to everlasting. Teach me to obey you and love others as you do. Amen

Let God transform your heart so you can walk forward in His ways and truth, united with Him in heart and mind. Then we may truly be one like Jesus prayed in John 17 - that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

*Jesus Prays for All Believers*

*“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

*“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.*

*“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”*

*John 17:20-26*