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### The Heart and the Seed (2)

#### 2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV)

*“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him...”*

#### Read I Samuel 16:1-7....

##### 1. The Heart Really Matters to God...

- a. God thoroughly seeks to find a heart that is **fully committed** to Him...(2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT)
- b. That which is externally apparent matters most to man, but the heart is what matters most to God...(1 Samuel 16:7)
- c. The heart that follows after Gods own heart is the heart that will do all His will...(Acts 13:22)
- d. God pays careful attention to the heart that is steadfast and full of integrity...(Psalm 78:8; 36; 71-72)
- e. Developing a good heart is your responsibility. Only you can change the condition of your heart...
- f. The earlier you focus on Gods will, the easier it will be to produce the results that God desires...

##### 2. Characteristics Of A Good Heart...(1 Timothy 1:5-6; 18-22)

- a. A heart that yearns after God and is fully committed to pleasing Him...
- b. A heart of **sincerity** with **no hypocrisy**...
- c. A heart with a **clear** and a **pure** conscience...
- d. A heart that is **established** in the **will** and **purpose** of God...
- e. A heart that is full of **gratitude** and **thankfulness**...
- f. A heart that obeys Gods word **quickly** and **fully**...
- g. A heart that is **loving** and **forgiving**...

### 3. How to Develop a Good Heart (**Jeremiah 4:3-4 NLT; Psalm 51:10-12;17**)

- a. Walk in love and practice prompt forgiveness...
- b. Guard and protect your heart from corrupting influences and forces in your environment...
- c. Purification of the heart: Cleansing present filth by the blood Jesus and by the Word of God...
- d. Always keep the heart occupied by the Word of God...
- e. Develop sensitivity and tenderness of heart by obeying God quickly and fully...

#### *Suggestions for Open Discussion*

1. *A believer with a good heart does not engage in deception, cynicism, or sarcasm. They are not insincere or hypocritical. How can we rid ourselves of these evil heart tendencies?*
2. *Unforgiveness is one of the tools Satan uses to corrupt believers' hearts. Why do we find it difficult to forgive sometimes? How can we know that we have completely forgiven someone?*
3. *Read I Timothy 1:5, 6, 19, 20. Why is developing a good conscience so fundamental to living a successful Christian life?*