

## ♥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)