

“Cultivating a Submissive Heart”

Heart:

Submission:

Mt 5:8 & 6:19-21	Deut 6:5	Mt 26:39&42	Tit 2:4-10 & 3:1-2
Mt12:34	Josh 22:5	Mark 14:36	Heb 13:17
Mt 15:15-20;	1 Sam 16:7	Luke 2:48-52	Jam 4:4-7
John 14:1&27	Isa 57:14-17	Luke 22:42	1 Peter 3:1-6
Ps 51:6-12	Isa 66:1-2	Rom 8:5-8	1 Peter 5:5-7
Ps 9:1-2	Jer 17:5-10 & 31:31-33	Eph 5:21-24	1 Peter 2:13-14;
Prv 3:5-8; Prv 4:20-23	Ezk 36:22-26	Phil 2:3-8	Ps 81:11-16
Prv 23:12 & 27:19	Ps 119:11	Col 3:22-24	

Before you begin, as always, pray and confess any known sin, thank and adore God most high for His love, grace, mercy and forgiveness towards you. Jesus in John 17:17 prayed on our behalf to the Father, “*sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.*” So, beseech the Lord to teach you His truth and ask Him not only for understanding to behold wondrous things out of His law, but a soft fertile heart to receive and joyfully obey all that He reveals.

1. From your perusal and meditation on the above verses relating to the heart, what did you learn in general about God’s view, desire, and purpose of the heart in contrast to man’s view and the reality or true condition of the heart?

2. What did Jesus teach concerning the heart in Matt 5:8, 6:19-21, 12:34, 15:15-20 and John 14:1&27? How does this correspond or relate to Prv 4:23?

3. If time allows and for further study use a concordance to look up every scripture reference on “heart” or “hearts.” How is the word used literally as well as figuratively? How does Scripture defines or describe the heart?

4. What does Proverbs 27:19 “the heart reflects the man” mean?

5. Read Proverbs 4 and Prv 23:12 how would you describe the character and behavior of a person who is “applying their heart to instruction”? (instruction being the principles, commands and words of God)

6. From the gospel references listed above as well as Phil 2:3-8, what is involved in submission? Describe how Christ’s attitude, demeanor and behavior reflect a truly submissive heart.

7. From the remaining passages in the two columns under submission list who is to be submissive to whom and why.

8. What reason does the Lord give in Psalm 81:11-16 for his discipline of the nation of Israel and what was the result?

9. What role does obedience play in submission? How does obedience to the revealed will of God reflect a submissive heart or lack thereof?

10. A submissive heart seeks to honor and obey Christ and His Word above all else. It says “yes, Lord, your will be done.” Are there any areas in your life where you are resistant, reluctant, or afraid to obey the Lord and why? Who can you ask today to pray with you and come along side you to both encourage and help hold you accountable in this area?