

# A Warriors Guide to Life's Battles



## A heart after God 1 Samuel 13 : 5 - 14

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David had many traits that God loved and were, in part, the reason for God choosing David to be the King. Yet, the one trait that stood out above all others was that David was a person after Gods own heart.

*"What does it mean to be a person after God's own heart? It means your life is in harmony with the Lord. What is important to Him is important to you. What burdens Him burdens you. When He says, "Go to the right," you go to the right. When He says, "Stop that in your life," you stop it. When He says, "This is wrong and I want you to change," you come to terms with it because you have a heart for God. That's bottom-line, biblical Christianity."  
Charles Swindol*

**Q : What strikes you most about Charles Swindol's definition?**

Having a heart for God does not mean you will always do the right thing but that you always

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**Q : What are the thoughts that go through your head when you consider that "God judges the heart of a person"? What is the positive side of that statement and what are some of the challenging ramifications of it?**

### Growing our desire for God.

Firstly, it must be \_\_\_\_\_ within us. [ Psalm 139; Ezekiel 36 : 26]

**Q : Why are some people, even from a young age, drawn to God while others hardly seem to be at all? What is the danger of thinking that this is a preset state rather than a greater opportunity for Gods great grace to work?**

Secondly, our hearts will need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to see and increase in our desire for God. [ Ps 66 : 8 - 12, Matt 3 : 11]

**Q : What did Jesus mean when he said we should hate the competing desires with our desire to please and serve God?**

Thirdly, our hearts need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to desire God [Ps 86 : 11]

**Q. What is the danger of thinking that "knowing God's heart" is intuitive rather than taught? What is the danger of thinking that it is all taught and not an intuition of the Spirit?**

## **THIS WEEKS PRAYER FOCUS**

### **A church of Unity and Community**

*22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 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.*

*John 17*

### **A church filled with the breath of God**

*17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

*2 Corinthians 3*

### **A church strong in the word**

*25 Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

*Ephesians 5*

### **A church where our people are effective in sharing the good news where ever they are**

*36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

*Matthew 9*

### **A church where people are released into their ministries and gifting**

*11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

*Ephesians 5 : 11 - 13*

### **A church of healing for the spirit, soul, and body**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

*Luke 4*

### **A church of young people (children, youth, young adults)**

*"Then, after doing all those things,  
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
Your old men will dream dreams,  
and your young men will see visions.*

*Joel 2 : 28*

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