

An Honest and Good Heart

(Luke 8:9-15)

Introduction: Do you have what Jesus describes as “an honest and good heart”? That is the only kind God will accept. That is the only kind that will accept God on His terms. How does the word of God describe this heart? It is the type of heart which...

My Notes:

I. Hears the Word and _____ It

- A) Matthew 13:23
- B) Jesus also calls such people “pure in heart” (Matthew 5:8).
- C) This heart knows God’s word is important and it needs to be understood.
- D) Ephesians 3:1-4; 2 Peter 3:14-18

II. Hears the Word and _____ It

- A) Mark 4:20
- B) Romans 10:17
- C) Attitude of Isaiah, “Here am I send me” and Jesus, “Not my will, but thy will.”
- D) Acts 2:37-41
 1. This is not blind acceptance (Acts 17:10-12).
 2. Humble submission to the Lord and His word (James 1:21).

III. Hears the Word and _____ It

- A) Luke 8:15
 1. Will not cast off faith when persecutions come.
 2. Does not give up faith for cares and riches of this life.
- B) James 1:22-25
 1. Acts upon and by faith.
 2. Paul called it “faith working through love” (Galatians 5:6).

IV. What Kind of Heart Do You Have?

- A) Many have _____ hearts.
 1. Hardened by prejudice.
 2. Some in the church have this kind of heart (*warning*).
- B) Others have _____ hearts.
 1. They accept and obey the gospel as a craze or fad.
 2. They do not count the cost (Luke 14:25-30; Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21).
- C) A common condition among Christians is a _____ heart.
- D) The Lord is looking for truly _____ hearts.
 1. They bear fruit and keep His commandments.
 2. They obey Him because they love Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3).

Conclusion: What kind of heart do you have? The Lord searches the heart (Jeremiah 17:8-9). Judgment is coming. Make your heart right with God!