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**February 15th, 2026 "Becoming a heart-prepper"**

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

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**"Faith is our root, and Love is our fruit."**

**Galatians 5:6b**— "What is important is faith expressing itself in love."

✦ A life built on faith and love is not storm-free, but it is storm-proof.

*Anything we are building to be storm-proof must be carefully considered and intentionally understood.*

**Matthew 11:15, Matthew 13:9, Luke 14:34-35, Matthew 23:25-28**

*Truth, on its own, has no power to set a person free unless that person seeks to know it, receive it, and live by it.*

**John 8:31-32**

✦ A lack of faith persuades us to doubt God's promises and even ignore his declarations of love.

*Intellectual knowledge alone doesn't liberate; rather, it's the person who knows and believes the truth who experiences freedom.*

✦ **Heart Prepper** - This is someone who intentionally prepares their inner life, thoughts, and spiritual state for God and future trials. **Ezra chapter 7:10, 2 Chronicles 12:14**

✦ **How to become a heart-prepper:**

**1.** Keep a humble, responsive heart to God's word.

*Before God's truth can set us free, it must take root.  
This begins with humility and repentance.*

**James 1:21**

✦ The soul is the source of raw impulse, and the heart is the seat of deliberate choice and reasoning.

*"When our mouth speaketh, it reveals what our heart leaketh."*

**Luke 6:45, Proverbs 4:20-23, Luke 8:12-15, Psalms 139:23,24**

**2.** Keep our heart's garden weeded.

*The issue with thorny soil is not just information;  
it is all about competition.*

**3.** Keep an obedient, faithful heart.

*"What one concrete step of obedience is the Holy Spirit calling me to this week?"*

**Revelation 3:20-22**

*\*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*