

PART 1

“The Lord does not look at the things that man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7

“The heart is used in Scripture as the most comprehensive term for the authentic person. It is the part of our being where we desire, deliberate, and decide. It has been described as ‘the place of consciousness, and the decisive spiritual activity.’ It is the center of a person. The place to which God always goes.”

Joe Stowell

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

Proverbs 4:23

“I have found David son of Jesse, a man after My own heart; He will do everything I want him to do.”

Acts 13:22

#1 HEART Test = SIN.

David’s Response: He had a REPENTANT Heart.

“I have sinned against the Lord.”

2 Samuel 12:13

“Do we go on sinning that grace would increase?”

Romans 6:1

“For God will never reject a broken (repentant) heart...”

Psalms 51:17

#2 HEART Test = STRESS.

“My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my source of strength. He is all I ever need.”

Psalms 73:26

David’s Response: He had a TRUSTING and OBEDIENT Heart.

“In all my distress, I prayed to the Lord. He answered and rescued me. How can I be afraid?”

Psalms 118:5-6

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Psalms 18:2

#3 HEART Test = SUCCESS itself.

“If you want to test a man, don’t give him adversity, give him success.”
Abraham Lincoln

David’s Response: He had a HUMBLE Heart.

“For promotion and power come from nowhere on earth, but only from God.”
Psalm 75:6

“For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward Him, so He can show His great power in helping them.”
2 Chronicles 16:9

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
Ezekiel 36:26