

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

💷 Bible Study: A Perfect Heart

Speaker: Greg Hruby Message Title: "A Perfect Heart" Main Passage: Mark 12:29–31 Other Passages Referenced:

- 2 Chronicles 15:17
- 2 Chronicles 16:9
- Hebrews 3:12–13

💡 Highlighted Scriptures

Mark 12:29–31 (KJV)

"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

2 Chronicles 15:17 (KJV)

"...Nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days."

2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV)

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him..."

Hebrews 3:12–13 (KJV)

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

🧠 Summary

Greg reflects on the struggle many believers face when confronted with Jesus' words: "Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect." Initially perceived as a daunting standard of performance, this message transforms through study into a call for a "perfect heart"—a heart fully turned toward God.

The teaching walks through Mark 12:29–31, where Jesus highlights the greatest commandments: to love God and love others with all your being. This kind of love is what defines a "perfect heart." Supporting scriptures from 2 Chronicles and Hebrews show God's desire for hearts that are sincere, soft, and fully devoted—not hardened or unbelieving.

Rather than striving for flawlessness in action, the focus is on cultivating genuine faith and intentional love for God. The speaker emphasizes that actions should flow naturally from this heart-centered faith, not from a legalistic attempt to be outwardly perfect.

💬 Discussion Questions

- When you hear the phrase "be perfect," how does it make you feel? Has your understanding of it changed?
- What do you think it means to have a "perfect heart" toward God?
- How does loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength affect your daily choices?
- Are there ways your heart has been hardened in the past? How has God softened it?
- What helps you stay mindful and intentional in your relationship with God?

🍟 Reflection Challenge

This week, take time to examine your heart. Are you striving for perfection through effort, or pursuing a perfect heart through love and surrender? Each day, read one of the Scriptures from this guide and journal how it speaks to your heart.

Ask God to show you areas where your heart may be hardened or distracted—and invite Him to renew your love and devotion.

🙏 Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for desiring my heart, not just my performance. Teach me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Help me to turn from striving and instead focus on surrender. Make my heart soft, sincere, and fully Yours. Amen.