

SEED SERVICE

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- A “Certain” Zeal: Romans 10:2 AMPC
- The Human Heart: Jeremiah 17:9 NLT
- A New Heart: Ezekiel 36:26-27 NLT
- Treasure of the Heart: Matt 6:21 KJV, NLT
- Treasures of Wisdom & Knowledge: Col 2:3 NLT

MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

The Heart

- We hear things like “follow your heart” or “what does your heart say about it?”
- The bible tells us the human heart is the most deceitful of **all** things. But the bible also tells us that God will give us a new heart, His, that is tender and responsive. (Ezekiel)
- Being zealous for the Lord is not a bad thing, but we don’t want to be led by an emotional, reactionary zeal. We want to be led by strategically responsive zeal that is led by the Spirit, not human emotion.
- Knowing begins at the exchange and embrace of the New Self.

Treasure:

- **Treasure isn’t merely physical** - God showed me I was treasuring knowledge. Taking pride in my studies, discoveries, and **knowing** the Truth concerning certain matters.
- **Treasure can go from precious to perverted**

1. I allowed my knowledge to be attached to my identity
2. When it (my knowledge) was challenged, I was triggered

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- What we believe matters, but how we get those beliefs is equally important...

The How:

1. **Be Humble** - stay objective and curious. Keep your emotions and desired outcomes away
2. **Investigate** - Research thoroughly. Dig into the word. Listen to understand.
3. **Consult/Communicate** - Present your findings to God and see what He reveals. Weigh it and reference it to the word. Also: concerning person to person relationships: communicate what you're hearing by repeating back to the person your understanding of **their** perspective. Not your perspective of their perspective. 🙄
4. **Conclude** - Once your understanding is confirmed by God, draw the conclusion. Signed, sealed, delivered!

Encouraging Closing Thought:

1. As we navigate this world remember that we are Christians FIRST.
 2. Ecclesiastes 1:9 ESV says "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun."
- the solutions and resolve we are searching for are ALWAYS in the Word. In Christ!

Because...

In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3