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1. The world views "good-looks" as a leadership quality
2. The world looks for leaders who entertain and appease

The world would rather have someone who looks strong and wealthy rather than have someone who is strong and leads by conviction.

"We want character but without unyielding conviction; we want strong morality, but without the emotional burden of guilt or shame; we want virtue but without particular moral justifications that invariably offend; we want good without having to name evil; we want decency without the moral authority to insist upon it; we want moral community without any limitations to personal freedom. In short, we want what we cannot have on the terms that we want it." - R. Albert Mohler, Conviction to Lead

3. What we look for in our leaders reveals a great deal about our own hearts

You cannot make up for ignoring and disobeying God with your sacrifices and offerings.

Who you are and what you do flows from your heart

God delights in pure hearts

The problem is that we are all born with wicked hearts

The solution is spiritual and it requires a new heart

God changes our hearts because of His heart for us

1. A new heart comes through the transforming power of God to those who have faith in Jesus Christ.
2. A new heart means a new love that prioritizes the approval of God
3. A new heart comes with a desire to obey by walking in the ways of the Lord.
4. A new heart means you look at people differently because of how God looks at you.
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