

THE HEART OF THE MATTER



MATTHEW 6:21

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."



Part 4 - A Heart for Earnest Prayer
James 5:13-18

Point/Principle: Followers of Jesus are commanded to **earnestly** pray and expect results.

Question: How earnest is your prayer life?

Earnest prayer is....

1)_____. (1 Kings 18:41-42, Jeremiah 17:5-6)

2) _____.(1 Kings 17:20-24, 1 Kings 18:36-37)

3) _____. (1 Kings 18:43)

4) _____.(1 Kings 18:44-45)

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Series Question: If Jesus completely took over your life for one day.

Would what your heart treasures look different?

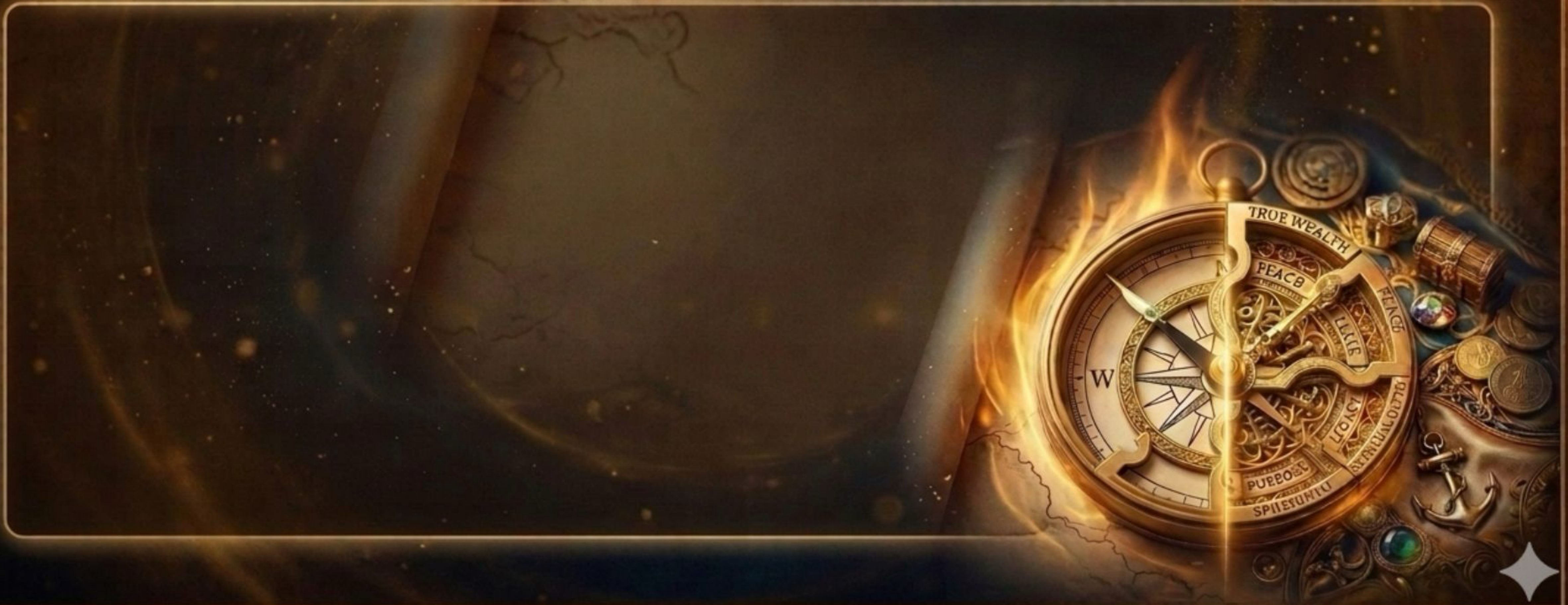


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Series Point: Our greatest desire should be to desire what Jesus desires. That happens when our heart is right. When our heart is right, everything else will be right.



“A Heart for Earnest Prayer”



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Indicative statements tell us about something or someone (usually God)

Imperative statements are “commands” telling us how to live



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Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

Indicative?

Imperative?



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James 5:13-18 (NLT)

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Earnest prayer is...

Reliant.

1 Kings 18:41-42
Jeremiah 17:5-6



Earnest prayer is...

Fervent.

1 Kings 17:20-24

1 Kings 18:36-37



Earnest prayer is...

Persistent.

1 Kings 18:43



Earnest prayer is...

Expectant.

1 Kings 18:44-45



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James 5:16 (NLT)

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

08.02.26

- **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK TODAY, AUGUST 2ND, AT 5:45 PM AT REELTOWN HIGH SCHOOL. JOIN US AS WE BATHE OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS IN PRAYER.**
- **MANLY MONDAY 8/3/26 - WE WILL GATHER AT THE CHURCH AT 6:30 PM, THEN HEAD OFF CAMPUS FOR A SERVE PROJECT TO HELP A SENIOR IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL CUT GRASS, WEED-EAT, AND DO A GENERAL CLEANUP AND SPRUCE-UP OF A YARD.**
 - **PLEASE BRING MOWERS, WEEDEATERS, RAKES, ETC.**
- **FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MEN'S CONFERENCE NEXT WEEKEND, WE WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 5:30 PM AND HEAD TO OPELIKA. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, WE WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 6:30 AM.**
 - **ON SATURDAY MORNING, WE WILL HAVE BISCUITS AND A TIME OF PRAYER BEFORE WE HEAD TO OPELIKA.**
- **MOVE-UP SUNDAY WILL BE AUGUST 9TH. CHILDREN AND STUDENTS WILL MOVE UP TO THE NEXT APPLICABLE SMALL GROUP ON THIS DAY.**
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS WILL RESUME AUGUST 12TH. DINNER WILL BE FROM 5:30-6:30. BIBLE STUDY WILL BE FROM 6:30-7:30.**
- **WILD GAME SUPPER AT SALEM MACON BAPTIST CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 6:30 PM. SEE THE FLYER ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS.**
- **ACTS MINISTRIES HAS ASKED OUR CHURCH FOR DONATIONS OF MAYONNAISE AND COOKING OIL - THERE IS A COLLECTION BOX IN THE FOYER.**