

LESSON NINE

**KINGDOM
HEARTS**

Kingdom Hearts

Cultivating a Kingdom passion for the Lord and a Kingdom passion for the lost

“Kingdom” Defined:

1. A realm or region in which someone or something is _____.
2. An area or sphere in which one holds a preeminent _____.
3. The eternal _____ of God.
4. The realm in which God’s _____ is _____.

Foundational Definitions

1. The Hebrew word for “heart,” *Leb*, and its synonym *Lebab* appear _____ times in the Old Testament.
2. The Greek word for “heart,” *Kardia*, appears _____ times in the New Testament.
3. The word “heart” is translated _____ times in Scripture (almost one time per chapter).

Editors Unger and White, in Nelson's *Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament*, offer the definition of the word "heart" in Scripture:

"The heart stands for the inner _____ of man, the man _____. As such it is the _____ of all he does. All his thoughts, desires, words and _____ flow from deep within him."

Foundational Scripture:

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:20-23 (NIV)

As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.

Proverbs 27:19 (NIV)

And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

1 Chronicles 28:9 (NLT)

But GOD told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already eliminated him. GOD judges persons differently than

humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7 (MSG)

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

Case Study:

Seeds of Passion!

AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Why do you think the Bible says so much about the human heart in reference to a person’s thoughts, desires and actions? What qualities do you see in King David that would cause the Lord to declare that he was a man after His own heart?

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

Based on the teaching of this session, and a recognition that our hearts are like the fertile soil of a field, ask God to plant specific “seeds” of potential growth and maturity in your heart. As you pray, try to define, by name, the seeds you seek, that they will bear fruit as you grow in Christ.

Kingdom Hearts (Continued)

Seven Kingdom Qualities for Kingdom Hearts

Timeless Insights

“God warms His hands at man’s heart when he prays.”
—John Masefield

Kingdom-Heart Quality One:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Clean” defined: “Free from _____.”

Scripture:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a
steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10 (NKJV)

Related Qualities

A _____ heart (Matthew 5:8, NKJV)

A _____ heart (Psalm 101:2, NKJV)

Kingdom-Heart Quality Two:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Confident” defined: “Filled with trust, _____
and boldness.”

Scripture:

Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I *will be confident.*

Psalm 27:3 (NKJV)

Related Qualities

An _____ heart (Psalm 112:8, NKJV)

A _____ heart (Psalm 57:6-7, NIV)

Kingdom-Heart Quality Three:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Generous” defined: “Liberal in _____ or sharing; tending to give _____.”

Scripture:

Take a sacred offering for the LORD. Let those with generous hearts present the following gifts to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze...

Exodus 35:5 (NLT)

So the people of Israel—every man and woman who was eager to help in the work the LORD had given them through Moses—brought their gifts and gave them freely to the LORD.

Exodus 35:29 (NLT)

Related Qualities

A _____ heart (2 Chronicles 29:31, NIV)

A _____ heart (Philippians 2:1, NLT)

A _____ heart (Ephesians 4:22, NKJV)

Kingdom-Heart Quality Four:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Merry” defined: “Full of high _____; delightful; _____.”

Scripture:

A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15:13 (NKJV)

Related Qualities

A _____ heart (Psalm 16:9, NIV)

A _____ heart (Proverbs 15:15, NIV)

A _____ heart (Proverbs 15:13, NIV)

A _____ heart (Psalm 19:8, NIV)

Kingdom-Heart Quality Five:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Truthful” defined: “That which manifests _____ and _____.”

Scripture:

As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father when I said, “You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.”

1 Kings 9:4-5 (NIV)

Related Qualities

An _____ heart (Job 33:3, NIV)

A _____ heart (Psalm 15:2, NIV)

An _____ heart (Psalm 78:72, NIV)

An _____ heart (Psalm 86:11, NIV)

A _____ heart (Hebrews 10:22, NKJV)

Kingdom-Heart Quality Six:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Secure” defined: “Assured in _____ and expectation; free from _____; free from _____ or loss.”

Scripture:

Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Psalm 112:1-8 (NIV)

Related Qualities

A _____ heart (Psalm 28:7, NIV)

A _____ heart (Psalm 14:30, NIV)

Kingdom-Heart Quality Seven:

Cultivating a _____ heart.

“Tender” defined: “Having a _____ texture; easily _____; sensitive.”

Scripture:

“Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard *you*,” says the LORD.

2 Kings 22:19 (NKJV)

Related Qualities

- A _____ heart (Psalm 51:17, NKJV)
- A _____ heart (Psalm 34:18, NKJV)
- A _____ heart (Psalm 109:21-22, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Psalm 131:1, NIV)

Additional Kingdom-Heart Qualities to Consider...

- A _____ heart (1 Kings 3:10-12, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Psalm 119:2, NKJV)
- A _____ heart (Colossians 3:22, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Job 19:25-27, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Psalm 39:3, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Nehemiah 9:7-8, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Job 11:13-15, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Proverbs 15:14, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Psalm 16:7, NIV)
- An _____ heart (2 Chronicles 34:31, NIV)
- A _____ heart (2 Chronicles 34:27, NIV)
- A _____ heart (1 Kings 15:14, NIV)
- A _____ heart (Proverbs 14:30, NKJV)

AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

Ponder Points:

Discuss (or ponder) which qualities on the foregoing list are particularly important for kingdom-minded intercessors? Why do some qualities especially stand out to you? Which of these qualities do you most desire would dominate your walk with Jesus?

Personal Afterthoughts:

Prayer Points:

As this is the conclusion of our Kingdom Prayer Series, take time in prayer to declare Christ's prayer-admonition "thy kingdom come" over specific prayer burdens you carry. They may concern family or friends, or even communities and nations. Include personal desires for Christ's Kingdom to dominate all aspects of your walk in Christ.