

Our Calling - The Heart of God

David is called the man after God's own heart. How did he do it? Was he following some rule book? No, he chased after what God cared about. What does God care about?

Scripture(s): Colossians 3:12-17

Remember this - The new life given by God's grace urges us to develop God's heart in us.

I. The first essential piece to the heart of God is people are _____ not obstacles.

II. The second essential piece to the heart of God is to live in _____.

III. The third essential piece to the heart of God is _____ covers everything. The centerpiece of our new life in Jesus is truly treating others as we would _____ to be treated.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a 4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

IV. The fourth essential piece to the heart of God is _____ rules. The peace that makes it possible for Christians to be family must be in _____ of our hearts.

V. The fifth essential piece to the heart of God is life is more than the _____. The message of Jesus is to dwell deeply in us so that we see life _____.

Hebrews 4:12-13 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

VI. The sixth essential piece to the heart of God is to do all in Christ's _____. We are ambassadors and ambassadors never forget what _____ they represent.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Implications...

1. Like God, we are to stop _____ the sins and mistakes of others against them.
2. The person who follows Jesus cannot be ruled by persistent _____, fear, or anger.
3. Christians should be led by that which leads God: His character and His _____.

How can we live this out?

1. Really consider whether our value people or merely _____ them for happiness or meaning.
2. Work through your motives for doing good until love and _____ are truly the state of your heart.
3. Know and live by your values rather than the lesser motives of _____ or needs.

Ask Jesus...

What am I really led by? Is it my values? Is it You?

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