

# 1. A Heart for God

If we are to develop a heart for God there are several issues we need to address. First, we must cultivate an attitude of repentance. Our relationship with God begins through repentance and it is improved in the same way. Second, we must avail ourselves of His grace. God is always eager to give us His grace . . . and there is so much of it. Third, we must spend time with Him regularly, and make room in our devotions for Him to talk to us. Fourth, we must be confident of His character. The great God who runs this universe can be trusted in everything. We cannot see from our perspective the good that underlies everything He does or allows, but we must focus our gaze continually on the cross. There we see most clearly (and starkly) that God is love. Fifth, we must make it a priority to worship Him continually. For worship, as C. S. Lewis put it, "is inner health made audible." Sixth, we must pursue Him with passion. Not just admire Him, but thirst after Him. Seventh, we must be forgiving people. God has forgiven us; we must therefore forgive others also and treat them in the same way that we have been treated by Christ Jesus. Eighth, we must obey the Lord's commands. If we love Him, we will be glad to do what He asks. Commit yourselves to these things. If you do so, then there is no reason why you cannot stride forward with the most ardent souls you know. You too can have a heart for God!

- *Adapted from "Every Day for Jesus" by Selwyn Hughes*

## Have a Heart for God Daily Quiet Times

Date	Week 1
21-May	Deuteronomy 6:4-5
22-May	Psalm 27:4
23-May	Deuteronomy 10:12-13
24-May	1 Samuel 2:1
25-May	Hebrews 10:19-22
26-May	Jeremiah 32:38-41
27-May	Proverbs 3:5-6

**Each day identify something that takes your attention off of God and ask Him to help you re-focus on Him**

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## PART 1

### Passage(s) to Study

People who have a heart for God have a desire for more of God in their life. Just as you hunger for food, and thirst for water, those with a heart for God have a soul which hungers and thirsts for God. David wasn't just satisfied with doing things for God to please him. David actually wanted more of God in his life.

**Read:** Psalms 42 and 63 and write down 10 observations that you make about David's desire for more of God.

## PART 2

### Questions to Ponder

**[Q]** According to the following verses what characterizes a Christ follower or one who sets out to be a person after God's heart? Are there any other thoughts that stick out to you from these verses?

**Read:** Col. 3:1--17; 1 John 2:6, 28; 3:6; 2 John 9

**[Q]** Having a heart for God means we obey everything God tells us to, we do everything God wants us to do, not just the commands which are convenient for us. Do you find this difficult in your own walk with God? Why or why not?

**Read:** Acts 13:22 God referred to David as a man after God's own heart...why?

**For further study:** Read through Psalms 119 or one of the smaller sections of the chapter and take note of the writer's desire for God, His Word, and for God's will to be done.

## PART 3

### Making it Stick

**Write out 1-2 of the main things that God impressed upon you this week from your time reading the daily devotions on having A Heart for God.**

**[Q]** From Proverbs 3:5-6 what do you think it means to:

- a. Trust in the Lord with all your heart?
- b. To not lean on your own understanding?
- c. To acknowledge God in all your ways?
- d. What do you think it looks like to live the opposite of Proverbs 3:5-6?

**Write out in your own words a prayer to God asking him for a heart that is wholly devoted to Him for a lifetime. A sample has been provided below:**

**Prayer:** *Father, make this time in my life one of vision and venture in the things of God. May it become a time of spiritual advancement to a degree I have never before known. Change my heart so that it is totally fixed upon you. I ask all this in Christ's Name. Amen.*

**Recommended resources:** 'A Heart for God' by Sinclair B. Ferguson