



# A Heart for God

God is pleased when we pursue Him. This is evidence of our desire for Him. He desires us to relate out of all aspects of our being: mind, body, and heart.

## I. OBSERVING A HEART FOR GOD

A. How would you know if someone had a heart for God? What qualities and actions would be observable?

B. Define these related words.

1. Devotion

2. Thirst

3. Pursuit

4. Desire

5. Zeal

## II. ARDENTLY SEEKING GOD

What characteristics of a seeker's heart are expressed in these verses?

I Samuel 13:14

II Chronicles 16:9

Why do these attitudes please the Lord?



### III. ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES

A. Meditate on the attitudes of a heart for God in each of these verses.

1. Deuteronomy 6:5

2. Proverbs 3:5

3. Jeremiah 29:13

4. II Chronicles 15:15

5. Psalm 73:24-25

6. Psalm 103:5-7

7. Psalm 143:6

8. Isaiah 41:8

9. Exodus 33:13, 18

10. Psalm 84:2

11. Luke 24:32

12. Psalm 42:2

B. Meditate on these actions motivated by a heart for God.

1. Philippians 3:7-14

2. Hosea 6:3

3. II Samuel 6:14-15
4. Acts 13:36
5. II Chronicles 15:12
6. I Samuel 23:2
7. Jeremiah 20:9
8. Joel 2:12

#### IV. EXAMPLES OF WORSHIPPERS

The Bible describes David, and other ardent worshippers, as having the following characteristics.

1. Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1
2. Psalm 37
3. I Samuel 24:1-5
4. I Samuel 25:13, 32-34; Psalm 139:23-24
5. Philippians 4:4
6. Acts 20:28
7. Galatians 2:20
8. Samuel 23:2
9. Mark 10:45
10. Luke 17

11. I Chronicles 21:16-17

V. EVALUATING YOUR HEART FOR GOD

1. Do I have a deep desire to see God honored?
  
2. Do I desire to intimately and honestly commune with Him each day?
  
3. Am I continuing in obedience to His word?
  
4. What do I need to change to increase my heart for God?

A heart for God is not emotionalism. It is not a gushing feeling that provokes one to say trite phrases. A heart for God is a heart that beats as His beats – a heart that finds no rest until it rests in the shadow of the cross. A true heart for God is manifested in obedience. The one who would seek intimacy with God must put aside all that is remotely displeasing to Him, then will he delight in the nearness of God's presence.

To those who develop such a heart, God reveals Himself in ways that are beyond the comprehension of those uninitiated. He gives untold glimpses of heaven which cultivate an eagerness for his presence. Through burning hearts God channels His Spirit to work His will on the earth.

We have waited for Thee eagerly;  
Thy name, even Thy memory, is the desire of our souls.  
At night my soul longs for Thee,  
Indeed, my spirit within me seeks Thee diligently.  
Isaiah 26:8-9