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## I. Beware Of A Divided Heart.

### A. James 1:8; 4:8

1. Divided (Greek) – Two spirited; vacillating in opinion or **purpose**.

### B. God is a god of purpose, and we must be people who know our purpose and pursue it with a whole heart.

1. Acts 11:23 – *When he arrived and saw what grace (favor) God was bestowing upon them, he was full of joy; and he continuously exhorted (warned, urged, and encouraged) them all to cleave unto and remain faithful to and devoted to the Lord with [resolute and steady] purpose of heart.*
2. II Corinthians 10:5 – We lead every thought and **purpose** away captive into the obedience of Jesus Christ.
3. I John 3:8b (KJV) – *For this purpose the Son of God was manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*
4. Our purpose is our reason for being here.

### C. A perfect heart is a whole heart. The heart is not perfect before God unless it is whole or undivided!

1. Psalm 9:1; 111:1; 119:2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145
2. Deuteronomy 4:29; 10:12

3. **Matthew 22:37**

D. For our service to be acceptable, it must not be with a divided heart but a whole and perfect heart.

1. Man is to live for God.
2. Not for himself, money, position, power, reputation, fame, etc.
3. Not for others – unless our service to others is an outreach of our service to God

E. We tend to compartmentalize our lives – but God will not live in a compartment.

1. He wants the run of the whole house.

F. We have spiritual compartments, work, entertainment, life goals, financial, friends, etc.

1. God will not be satisfied to live only in the “spiritual compartment.”
2. **Romans 12:1** – The whole life must be given up to God. (Also see Message Bible.)

G. **II Corinthians 10:4-5** – Thoughts

1. **Every** thought – not just Sunday morning thoughts

**WE NEED A HOLY GHOST INVASION IN OUR LIVES!!**

H. **John 17:10** – *All [things that are] Mine are Yours, and all [things that are] Yours belong to Me . . .*

I. Finances

1. Is ten percent the goal? Or is it: “Everything You have made me a steward over is always Yours, Lord, at any time You ask for it”?
2. We are stewards, not owners.
3. **Matthew 25:14-21** – The accounting does not always come at the end of our lives. The Master can recall things at any time. Those who are free from “greed” and able to obey Him will always be promoted to being in charge of more.

J. Life goals

1. **Luke 22:42** – Jesus said: “Father, Thy will be done and not Mine.”
2. **Proverbs 16:9** – *A man’s mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure.*

## II. The Power Of A Perfect Heart

A. **II Kings 20:2-5** – Hezekiah’s bold prayer

1. I have walked before Thee with a perfect heart.
2. Hear and answer my prayer.
3. **II Kings 18:3-6** – Hezekiah did right in the sight of the Lord (this does not necessarily mean that he did every single thing right). He trusted God, placed his confidence in Him, clung and held fast to the Lord, and ceased not to follow Him.

B. **John 17:4-5** – Jesus said: “I have done what You asked Me to. Now I ask You to glorify Me.”

C. Hezekiah pleaded not his own merit, but he pleaded in **confidence** that God is faithful.

1. **Hebrews 6:10** – God is not unrighteous to forget our work of faith and labor of love.
- D. **Isaiah 43:25-26** – Come, let us reason together. Tell me of your merits.
- E. Let us exchange a sin consciousness for the consciousness of a perfect heart.
1. Remember, I said a “perfect heart” not a “perfect performance.”
- F. **I John 3:21-22** – Because we keep His commands, we can have confidence.
1. It does not say to keep them all perfectly!
  2. Let us consider what we do that pleases Him – not just the things that don’t please Him.
- G. **Hebrews 11:39** – The heroes of faith had the witness that they were righteous, and they were pleasing to God.
1. Yet, we know they made mistakes.
- H. Boldness comes from “righteousness consciousness” not from “sin consciousness.”
1. **II Corinthians 1:12** – *It is a reason for pride and exultation to which our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world [generally] and especially toward you, with devout and pure motives and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God . . .*
  2. Paul states they lived right by the grace of God, but he also verbalizes that they did it.
  3. This consciousness gave them power in prayer and power over the forces of darkness.

### III. The Breastplate Of Righteousness

- A. **Ephesians 6:14** speaks of protecting ourselves from the wicked one by wearing the breastplate of righteousness.
  - 1. Right standing with God that produces right behavior in our lives
- B. **II Corinthians 6:7** – Righteousness is a weapon.
- C. **James 5:16** – Prayer power belongs to the righteous man.

### IV. God Gives The Perfect Heart.

- A. **I Chronicles 29:19** (KJV) – *And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart . . .*
  - 1. A grace gift from God that we should pray for
  - 2. A gift given according to God's Law that rules all His giving
- B. It comes as a **SEED** to be nurtured, watered, and cared for patiently.
  - 1. **I John 3:9** – The **SEED** of God resides in the believer.
- C. The **desire** to serve Him, do well, and be pleasing, etc. is the voice of that **SEED** crying from within us.
  - 1. We add to it the life that faces truth, faces the chastisement of the Holy Spirit, repents, and goes on. We add to it the crucified life that disciplines itself, is diligent, and continues even when no feelings or emotions give support.
  - 2. **II Peter 1:3-7** – His power provides all the promises, but we add our diligence, employ every effort, exercise faith, develop excellence, and develop knowledge. In exercising knowledge, we develop self-control; and in exercising self-control, we develop steadfastness (patience, endurance); and in exercising steadfastness, we develop godliness.

In exercising godliness, we develop brotherly affection; and as we exercise brotherly affection, we develop Christian love.

3. **Verse 8** – *For as these qualities are yours and increasingly abound in you, they will keep [you] from being idle or unfruitful unto the [full personal] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .*

- D. The **perfect heart** is one that is always pressing on to new **manifestations of perfect behavior.**



