

# Tonight's Lesson: "A Leader With a Different Heart"

## Introduction:

1. The Bible uses the word "heart" to describe who a person truly is on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, **but the Lord looketh on the heart.**" 1 Samuel 16:7*
2. **What characterizes a spiritual leader's heart?** The Bible gives us several key principles.

### I. **First, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ it. Ephesians 3:17**

- A. Christ's Spirit may live in our spirit, but every day we decide whether He will have \_\_\_\_\_ of our heart.
- B. There is an ongoing battle for \_\_\_\_\_ of our heart.
  - *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Galatians 5:16-17*

### II. **Second, integrity \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

- A. Two times, David is said to have walked in integrity of heart. 1 Kings 9:4, Psalm 78:72
- B. Integrity is the \_\_\_\_\_ of character. Without it, a leader has no basis for \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
  - *"**The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.**" Proverbs 11:3*

### III. **Third, God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

- A. If Christ rules the heart, He reveals areas of the heart that need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. How does Christ change our heart? He uses the \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Corinthians 3:14-18

- *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12*

#### IV. Fourth, trials \_\_\_\_\_ it.

A. Trials have a way of bringing to the surface what is in the heart.

- Trials reveal our \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord. James 1:12
- Trials reveal our \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Peter 1:6-7
  - *“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.” 2 Thessalonians 1:4*
- Trials reveal our heart \_\_\_\_\_ about God. 1 Peter 4:16, 19

B. How did Paul and Silas respond to a deep trial in Acts 16:23-25?

C. This trial revealed the heart of Paul and Silas. Trials \_\_\_\_\_ do!

#### In Conclusion:

1. A leader for God is \_\_\_\_\_ than the crowd. Why? Because his heart is different.
2. The leader’s heart:
  - Christ \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - Integrity \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - Trials \_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. God is looking for leaders with a different heart!