Monday

Characteristics of a Perfect Heart Part 1

2 Chronicles 16:7 (AMPC)

At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, Because you relied on the king of Syria and not on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you.

2 Chronicles 16:8 (AMPC)

Were not the Ethiopians and Libyans a huge host with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied then on the Lord, He gave them into your hand.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (AMPC)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him. You have done foolishly in this; therefore, from now on you shall have wars.

Matthew 6:2 (AMPC)

Thus, whenever you give to the poor, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites in the synagogues and in the streets like to do, that they may be recognized and honored and praised by men. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full already. FootnotesMatthew 6:2Hermann Cremer, Biblico-Theological Lexicon. Matthew 6:2Marvin Vincent, Word Studies.

Matthew 23:1-5 (AMPC)
23 Then Jesus said to the multitudes and to His disciples, The scribes and Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat [of authority]. So observe and practice all they tell you; but do not do what they do, for they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy loads, hard to bear, and place them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger to help bear them. They do all their works to be seen of men; for they make wide their phylacteries (small cases enclosing certain Scripture passages, worn during prayer on the left arm and forehead) and make long their fringes [worn by all male Israelites, according to the command]. FootnotesMatthew 23:5John D. Davis, A Dictionary of the Bible.

Matthew 23:25 (AMPC)

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Matthew 23:25-26 (AMPC)

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Matthew 23:27 (AMPC)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you are like tombs that have been whitewashed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything impure.

Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC)

Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

Matthew 5:48 (AMPC)
You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Footnotes**
- Joseph Thayer, A Greek-English Lexicon.

**Tuesday**

**Characteristics of a Perfect Heart Part 2**

**Philippians 3:12 (AMPC)**

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**Ephesians 4:15 (AMPC)**

Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). Footnotes Ephesians 4:15 Marvin Vincent, Word Studies.

**1 Peter 2:1 (AMPC)**

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Matthew 11:12 (AMPC)

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion]. Footnotes Matthew 11:12 Joseph Thayer, A Greek-English Lexicon.

1 Peter 2:1-2 (AMPC)

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1 Peter 2:3 (AMPC)

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**Wednesday**

**The Power and Promise of God’s Word**

**Part 1**

**Genesis 1:3 (NIV)**

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

**Isaiah 55:10 (AMPC)**

For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

**Isaiah 55:11 (AMPC)**

So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

**Psalm 107:20 (AMPC)**

He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit and destruction.
Hebrews 4:12 (AMPC)

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Footnotes

James 1:21 (AMPC)

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to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

John 8:31,32 (AMPC)

So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

Friday

The Power of Attitude

Ephesians 4:22-23 (AMPC)

Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],

Genesis 4:5 (AMPC)

But for Cain and his offering He had no respect or regard. So Cain was exceedingly angry and indignant, and he looked sad and depressed. FootnotesGenesis 4:5In bringing the offering he did, Cain denied that he was a sinful creature under the sentence of divine condemnation. He insisted on approaching God on the ground of personal worthiness. Instead of accepting God’s way, he offered to God the fruits of the ground which God had cursed. He presented the product of his own toil, the work of his own hands, and God refused to receive it (Arthur W. Pink, Gleanings in Genesis).
Genesis 4:6 (AMPC)

And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why do you look sad and depressed and dejected?