

Prayer-Walking Heart Preparation

Before beginning each of the eight Heart Searchers, please go through these initial steps to prepare your heart for what He wants to do:

1. Please read **Ps 139.23-24** and [petition](#) these words before you begin this Heart Searcher.
2. Confession of sin is necessary for fellowship with God and revival among God's people. As the Lord convicts, pfully confess, ask forgiveness and seek his power to make changes. **I Jn 1.9**
3. Do not make the least excuse for sin. **Prv 28.13**
4. God wants to work through you.

#1

Please begin **Heart Search # 1** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

1. Mt 6.14-15

Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge? Anyone you haven't forgiven? Anyone you hate? Anyone you do not love? Are there any misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forget? Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment or jealousy? Anyone you dislike to hear praised or well-spoken of? Do you allow anything to justify a wrong attitude toward another?

Mk 11.25; I Jn 4.7-12; Mtt 5.23-24; Eph 4.21-32; Heb 10.30, 12.14.

2. Mt 6.33

Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first? Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom and desires, rather than seeking and following God's will? Do any of the following, in any way interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambition, pleasures, loved ones, friendships, desire for recognition, money, your own plans?

Mt 6.19-21, 24; ITim 6.7-11; Heb 13.5-6; Lk 16.13

Only our Father knows what he can and will do in our Regions of the World and beyond with clean hands and pure hearts. May we lift each other as we undergo this exercise of faith, believing that he wants us on our knees before him, with tender hearts that are teachable and pliable to the Spirit's touch.

#2

Please begin **Heart Search # 2** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

3. Mk 16.15

Have you failed to seek the lost for Christ? Has your life not shown to the lost the Lord Jesus?

Rmn 1.16; 2 Tim 1.8; 2 Tim 4.2; Prv 11.30

4. Jn 13.35

Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another? Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancement of another? Are you guilty of any contention or strife? Do you quarrel, argue or engage in heated discussions? Are you engaged in any divisions or party spirit? Are there people whom you deliberately slight?

I Cor 3.1-3; Prv 6.16-19, 14.30; Rmn 14.10; I Ptr 4.8

5. Acts 20.35

Have you robbed God by withholding his due of time, talents and money? Have you given less than a tenth of your income for God's work? Have you failed to support m-work in either petitions or in offering?

2 Cor 9.6-8; Lk 6.38; Prv 19.17, 22.9; Mal 3.10; Phil. 4.19

Now, I suggest that you read **Ps 32.1-5**. May we each be blessed by acknowledging anything that needs his forgiveness. Then we can rejoice and be glad in the joy of our salvation and we will sing as ones who are upright in heart! (**Ps 32.11**)

#3

Please begin **Heart Search # 3** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

6. I Cor 4.2

Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord's work? Are you allowing your emotions to be stirred for things of the Lord but doing nothing about it?

Rmn 5.4-5; Eph 4.13; Jms 1.2

7. I Cor 6.19-20

Are you in anyway careless with your body? Do you fail to care for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit? Are you guilty of intemperance in eating or drinking? Do you have any habits, which are defiling to the body?

Gal 6.7-8; Prv 23.21; Philp 3.19

8. I Cor 10.31

Do you take the slightest credit for anything good about you, rather than give all the glory to God? Do you talk of what you have done rather than what Christ has done? Are your statements mostly about I? Are your feelings easily hurt? Have you made a pretense of being something that you are not?

Gal 2.20; Philp 1.21; 2.5; Tts 3.5; Prv 3.5-6

These readings really point us to the cross, daily self-denial, and discipleship. At the cross is forgiveness and in Christ is the power to live in victory. Oswald Sanders in his book **Spiritual Discipleship** wrote about the cost of being a disciple. He said, Jesus Christ was looking for men and women of quality; mere quantity did not interest him. It may be costly, but we can all attest to the joy of being in right relationship with our master and the great freedom we find in him.

#4

Please begin **Heart Search # 4** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

9. Eph 3.20

Are you self-centered rather than Jesus Christ-conscious? Do you allow feelings of inferiority to keep you from attempting things you should in serving God? Are your feelings easily hurt? Are your statements mostly about I? Have you made a pretense of being something that you are not?

Phlp 4.13; 2 Tim 1.7-8

10. Eph 4.28

Do you underpay? Do you do very little in your work? Have you been careless in payment of your debts? Have you sought to evade payment of debts? Do you waste time for others?

Prv 5.21; 14.23; 15.27; 20.13; Rom 8.13

11. Eph 4.31-32

Do you complain? Do you find fault? Do you have a critical attitude toward any person or thing? Are you irritable or cranky? Do you ever carry hidden anger? Do you get angry often? Do you become impatient with others? Are you ever harsh or unkind?

Eph 4.26; 2 Cor 4.2; Phlp 2.14

May we all be encouraged again by the reminder that Jesus is interceding for us as we bring our hearts to him. [Rom 8.34](#) says, [Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died more than that, who was raised to life is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.](#) With this heart search may we live in the joy of forgiveness and walk in the way of obedience with clean hands and pure hearts.

#5

Please begin **Heart Search # 5** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

12. Eph 5.11-15

Do you listen to unedifying radio or TV programs? Do you read unworthy magazines? Do you partake in worldly amusements? Do you find it necessary to seek satisfaction from any questionable source? Are you doing certain things that show you are not satisfied in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Phlp 4.8; Jms 1.15

13. Eph 5.20

Have you neglected to thank him for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good? Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting his word? Do you worry? Is your spiritual temperature based on your feelings instead of his word?

1 Thss 5.18; Phlp 4.6; 1 Pet 5.7; Col 3.17; Heb 13.6

14. Phlp 1.21

Are you taken up with the cares of this life? Is your conversation or heart joy over things rather than the Lord and his word? Does anything mean more to you than living for and pleasing Jesus Christ?

Prv 8.19; Col 3.1-3

As we continue to allow the Holy Spirit to shine the light of Jesus upon our hearts, may we remember that taking the time to be with God in petitions each day strengthens us to stand against the enemy of our souls. We are not so strong that we can take time off in our special daily fellowship with the Father. Walking independently, we are at great risk of falling. I ask that we will take his hand and walk in the light of his counsel relying upon his power to overcome any weakness. May your joy be made complete in the fellowship with the Father and with his Son. (1 Jn 1.3)

#6

Please begin **Heart Search # 6** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

15. **Phlp 2.14**

Do you ever by word or deed seek to hurt someone? Do you gossip? Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present? Are you prejudiced against true Christians because they are of a different group than yours or because they do not see everything exactly like you?

Gal 6.2

16. **Phlp 4.4**

Have you neglected to be pleasing to him in all things? Do you carry any bitterness toward God? Have you complained against him in any way? Have you been dissatisfied with his provision for you? Is there in your heart any unwillingness to obey God fully? Do you have any reservations as to what you would or would not do concerning anything that might be his will? Have you disobeyed some direct leading from him?

1 Cor 10.10; Col 3.15; 1 Thss 5.24; 2 Cor 4.2

17. **Col 3.9-10**

Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversations? Do you ever lie? Do you ever exaggerate? Cheat? Steal?

Col 3.5; 1 Pet 2.11; 1 Jn 2.17; Jms 3.2-6

Even as we face things in our lives that we know are not pleasing to the Father, may we turn to him with the Psalmist and ask: **Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. (Ps 41.4)** Then, we are assured of his abundant love as we hear the words of Jesus: **As the Father hath loved me, so I have loved you; continue in my love. (Jn 15.9)** May we all walk in the reminder of his love.

#7

Please begin **Heart Search # 7** with the initial preparation steps. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into this time alone with the Father. Then proceed to the questions.

18. **2 Tim 2.22**

Do you have personal habits that are not pure? Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex to stay in your mind? Do you read that which is impure or suggests unholy things? Do you indulge in any unclean entertainment? Are you guilty of the lustful look?

Phlp 4.8; Ps 119.9

19. **Heb 10.25**

Do you stay away from meetings of preaching the gospel? Do you think about other things while God's word is being read or preached? Are you irregular in attendance at services? Do you neglect to attend or participate in meetings for petitioning? Have you neglected God's word? Do you find the Book and petitions uninteresting? Have you neglected thanksgiving at meals? Have you neglected family devotions?

2 Tim 3.16,17; Heb 4.12; 1 Thss 5.17

20. Heb 13.17

Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church or elsewhere? Are you lazy? Do you rebel at requests given to you to help in the work of the gospel? Do you in any way have a stubborn or unteachable spirit?

1 Pet 2.16-17

Only in Christianity do we find true forgiveness. This very fact sets us apart from other religious beliefs. Confession begins by looking at our sin honestly. When we are sinning we lose the desire to petition. Sin is against God and hinders our relationship with the Father through Jesus. When we confess our sins even if it is painful, our relationship with the Father is restored and our joy is renewed.

#8

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21. Jms 1.27

Have you allowed yourself to become spotted by the world? Is your manner of dress pleasing to God? Do you spend beyond what is pleasing to God on anything? Do you neglect to petition about things that you buy?

1 Cor 10.23-24; 1 Pet 1.24-25

22. Jms 4.6-10

Do you feel that you are doing quite well as a Christian? That you are not so bad? That you are good enough? Are you stubborn? Do you insist on having your own way? Do you insist on your rights?

Phlp 3.12-14; 1 Jn 3.24

23. Jms 4.11

Have you dishonored him and hindered his work by criticizing his servants? Have you failed to petition regularly for your shepherd or other spiritual or team leaders? Do you find it hard to be corrected? Is there rebellion toward one who wants to restore you? Are you more concerned about what people will think than what will be pleasing to God?

Mtt 7.1-2; Rom 14.13

If you have been honest and true in the matter of admitting your sins, then you are ready for God's cleansing. If there is full confession, there will be full cleansing, then the joy of the Lord will follow. With our hearts full of joy, we will want to share Jesus Christ with others. Our testimony and petitioning will be full of the power of the Holy Spirit. It will truly bring revival to our hearts. Ps 19.12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.