The True Heart
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I. Introduction.

    A. A disciple of Jesus ought to do what Jesus did. (John 20:21; 1 John 4:17)

    B. The true shepherd has a skillful hand and a true heart. (Psalm 78:70-72)

II. There are certain elements to the true heart.

    A. A pure heart that is prepared. (Matthew 5:8)

    B. A whole-heart. (Psalm 119; Revelation 3:15-16; 2 Chronicles 31:20)

    C. A teachable heart. (Proverbs 10:17)

    D. A cleansed heart. (Jeremiah 4:3-4)

    E. A trusting heart. (Hebrews 1)

III. Traits of a disciple that allows him to function.

    A. A positive attitude. (Philippians 4:13; 4:8; Titus 1:15; Proverbs 15:15)

        1. It has a glad heart regardless of circumstance.

        2. It has an expectant spirit. (Hosea 12:6)

    B. A strong drive. (Job 13; Psalm 18)

        1. A clear objective is necessary. (Matthew 28:19-20)

        2. Faith is necessary. (Job 23:1-10, 14)

        3. Enthusiasm is necessary. (Proverbs 15:30)

    C. Persistence. (Hebrews 11:27; 2 Corinthians 4:18; Romans 4:20; Joshua 3; Luke 5)

        1. Persistence is getting our feet wet.

        2. Persistence is being patient. (Hebrews 10:36; 2 Peter 1:4; Luke 2:52; Hebrews 5:8)

        3. Persistence is developed in testing. (James 1:2-4)

        4. In trials recognize the opportunity, ask God for wisdom and endure. (James 1:5)

        5. Persistence is being steadfast.

6. Persistence is being panic proof. (Isaiah 8:12-13)

    a. Believe that God is sovereign.

    b. Believe that God is all-powerful.

    c. Believe that God knows everything that is going on.

    d. Believe that God loves you.

D. A mature personality. (Ephesians 4:13)

    1. Reliability. (Proverbs 25:19)

    2. An ability to think through. (Proverbs 22:3)

    3. Decisiveness. (1 Corinthians 14:8)

    4. A servant attitude. (1 Corinthians 9:19)

    5. Stability. (Isaiah 33:6)

    6. Getting along with other people.

Application questions:

1. How would you evaluate your heart based on the true heart God looks for?
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2. How can a Christian develop persistence?
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3. What will you do to obtain a more mature personality in your Christian walk?
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