

Intro of David's Life

Heart of a King | Week 1

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God doesn't look at outward appearance—He looks at the heart.

- Creation → Fall → Flood → Babel
- Abraham → Egypt → Law → Wilderness
- Promised Land → Judges → King Saul
- **David chosen (1 Samuel 16)**

1 Samuel 16:7 "People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

What is the Heart?

- Mentioned **800+ times** in Scripture
- Rarely physical—primarily **spiritual**
- The center of:
 - Thoughts
 - Emotions
 - Desires
 - Will

Your heart = who you really are

Why the Heart Matters

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

- Your life flows from your heart
- Your actions reveal your heart

Wholehearted Devotion

Deuteronomy 6:5 / Matthew 22:37

- Love God with:
 - ALL your heart
 - ALL your soul
 - ALL your strength

Truth:

- No half-hearted Christianity
- No "lukewarm" faith (Revelation 3)

The Problem with the Heart

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things..."

- Sinful
- Deceptive
- Naturally bent away from God

Jesus (Mark 7:21-23)

- Evil flows from within the heart

The Solution: A New Heart

Ezekiel 36:26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

- God transforms the heart
- Through:
 - Repentance (Acts 2:38)
 - Salvation in Christ
 - Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 5:17

- New creation → new heart

How to Guard Your Heart

1. Fill it with God's Word

Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

2. Don't allow garbage in

Luke 6:45 "The mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

Application

- Do I have a **changed heart**?
- Am I living with **wholehearted devotion**?
- What am I allowing into my heart?
- Am I actively **guarding it**?

