

AN OPEN HEART, A TEACHABLE SPIRIT

“As water reflects a face, so a man’s heart reflects the man” (*Pro 27:19*). God wants us to come to Him and desire Him with our whole hearts. He promises that when we seek Him, He will be found, not sometimes but always (*Jer 29:13, 33:3*)

1. The first element of an open heart is God at work, seeking us and wooing us close to Himself, as the lover of our souls, He initiates our drawing near to Him.

Isa 55:102

Psa 65:4

Jer 31:3

Hos 11:4

2. The next element of an open heart and teachable spirit is to desire Jesus. How do we desire Jesus? We simply ask God to fill our hearts with a desire for Him above all else.

Jer 30:21

Eze 36:26-27

Psa 27:4,8

We cannot fake desire. God sees us just as we are. He knows our innermost thoughts and desires.

Psa 44:21b

Jer 12:3

How does God respond?

Jer 24:7

How does Jesus respond when we draw near to Him:

Mk 6:33-34

3. Another element of a teachable heart is complete abandon. God desires that we give Him our whole hearts that we give ourselves to Him completely, withholding nothing.

Deu 4:29

Deu 6:5

1 Sam 12:24

Psa 84:10, 86:11

4. Another essential element of an open heart is repentance and humility. What is God’s command to His people?

Eze 18:30-31

What does 1 Kings 14:8 say about David

What did David request in Psalm 51:10?

5. Again our action is met with response by God

How did God respond to David?

Psa 51:17

What did God say to Josiah?

2 Kings 22:19

What does God promise as we come before Him desiring to offer our hearts completely with humility of spirit?

Eze 36:26-27

What did God promise in James 4:8?

6. Our response is still more openness and more teachable spirit. We yearn to know Him more and live more like Him. What did Moses ask?

Ex 33:13

What did David ask?

Psa 119:33-35

What was Paul's passion?

Phil 3:8, 10

7. The more we love Him, the more intimacy we enjoy with Him. How did Paul appeal to His spiritual children?

2 Cor 6:11-13

What was Paul's model for this action and appeal?

Rom 8:32