

## Heart Not Hands

### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Why were all the others not chosen?

Because God saw something in David that was not seen in the others.

## #1. Heart Not Hands

### A. God looks at our hearts

1. Jer. 4:14--O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, That you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?
2. Nothing we can DO will ever earn God's love for us or our place with Him in heaven
3. It is not the washing of hands, but of the heart that is needed!
  - a. Psalm 51:10--Create in me a clean heart, O God,
  - b. Matthew 5:10--Blessed are the pure in HEART
  - c. 1 Timothy 1:5--the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith
4. That's why the word of God is not concerned with how we look, but the "thoughts and intents of our hearts" Hebrews 4:12

### B. You can fool me. I can fool you, but we can't fool God!

1. We may do good with our hands and still not have a good heart!
2. If we have a good heart, our hands will do good.

## #2 Heart AND Hands

### A. Work out your OWN salvation Philippians 2:12-15

1. We cannot think this means we earn our salvation
2. If we are saved, it is not for what we WERE doing
  - a. We are **saved to save**.
  - b. We are **made righteous to proclaim righteousness**.
  - c. We are **forgiven to forgive!**
3. The life we have been given can ONLY give life to others!
  - a. "Yet not I but Christ lives in me!" Galatians 2:20
  - b. We are DEAD to SIN, but ALIVE to GOD in Christ Rom. 6:11

### B. If God has our HEART, He also has our hands!

1. How can we do anything other than please God?
2. It is out of the heart that we speak and do!

## #3 HIM Not Heart

### A. Ephesians 2:1-10

1. v. 5--Who made us alive together with Christ? Us? NO! God!
2. v. 6--Who raised us up together in Christ? Us? NO! God!
3. v. 7--Who will show grace & kindness in Christ? Us? NO! God!

### B. The real point is the focus!

1. If my heart glorifies God, my actions will glorify God
2. If my heart praises God, my mouth will praise Him
3. If my heart belongs to God, you can be sure I can not take credit for good things I have done, good words I have said, temptations I have overcome.
4. Ephesians 2:10--For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.