

St. Stevens Baptist Church Bible Study Part#1

Cultivate a Heart for God

What does it mean to be a Godly person?

1. Open UP to God (Why?)

Isaiah 29:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ Therefore the Lord said: “*Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,*

Deuteronomy 6:5 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵ *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

Matthew 22:37 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*”

Jeremiah 4:3-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

³ For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: “Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns.

⁴ *Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, And take away the foreskins of your hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.*”

Hebrews 4:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, *piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

2. CONFESS all known sin (Why?)

1 John 1:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹ *If we confess our sins,* He is faithful and just to *forgive us our sins and to cleanse us* from all unrighteousness.

Isaiah 57:15 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁵ For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Growing Towards Spiritual Maturity 2002, “Developing Intimacy with God” (ETA Classes) book written by Gary C. Newton..... With excerpts from Rev. Derrick J. Mathis Sr

3. Desire the **FULLNESS** of the Holy Spirit (**Why?**)

Acts 1:8 New King James Version (NKJV)

8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Ephesians 5:18 New King James Version (NKJV)

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; *but be filled with the Spirit,*

Psalms 42:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

Yearning for God in the Midst of Distresses Psalms 42-72

1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, *So pants my soul for You, O God.*

2 *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.* When shall I come and appear before God?

Isaiah 44:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground;
I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;

John 7:38 New King James Version (NKJV)

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, *out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

Ephesians 3:14-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

Appreciation of the Mystery

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through *His Spirit* in the inner man, **17** that Christ may **dwell in your hearts** through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— **19** to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; *that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **21** to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.