

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 27]
HAVE A HEART

Reading: 1 Samuel 13:14 & 16: 1-7

Introduction

- God deals with us on the basis of our '**heart**'.
- The '**heart**' (Hebrew '**lebab**' & Greek '**kardia**').
- The '**heart**' refers too '**the hidden spring of a person's being**'.
- It refers too the intellect, the will, the emotions and the desires.

1 Importance Of Having A Good Heart

- If your heart is not right in the natural your body is in trouble.
- If your heart is not right in the spiritual your soul is in trouble.
- In 2012 professional footballer Fabrice Muamba collapsed on a football pitch.
- An unknown heart condition and he never played again.
- The condition of his heart shaped his life.

2 Various Spiritual Heart Conditions

- A **NEW HEART**. (See Ezekiel 36:26).
- The '**old heart**' is sinful [Jeremiah 17:9], so a new one is needed.
- The old heart is our '**pre-conversion**' heart.
God does the '**transplant**' when we are '**born again**'.

- The **CLEAN HEART**. Consider [Psalm 51:10].
- Sin causes even the new heart to become unclean.
- Consider the episode of David's adultery.
- [Psalm 66:18] confess your sin and receive a fresh cleansing.
- The **BELIEVING HEART**. [Romans 10:9].
- This is the heart that believes all that God says in His Word contrary to what others say.
- Do you believe **ALL** that God says in His Word?
- The **HARDENED HEART**. [Psalm 95:8].
- Pharaoh hardened his heart over the release of the Israelites [Exodus 7:13/14 & 8:15/32].
- This is a person saying '**no**' to God's clear instructions and commands.
- Each refusal adds another layer of '**hardness**' to the heart until eventually it stops.
- The **TROUBLED HEART**. [John 14:1 & 27].
- A crisis was approaching and Jesus said this to His disciples.
- Is your heart '**troubled**' or '**overwhelmed**' [Psalm 61:2] over some crisis?
- ***"When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I."***
- The **GOD TOUCHED HEART**. [1 Samuel 10: 26].
- When was the last time God '**touched**' your heart?
- Psalm 139:23/24]. ***"Search me O God and know my heart..."***

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