

THINGS THAT GOD LOOKS FOR IN US

A Right Heart

It is our heart and not our performance that is important to God.

2 Chron 16:9 - *'The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth looking for those to whom He may show Himself strong, whose heart is perfect towards Him.'*

Many times we loose contact with the condition of our heart.

God's expectation - not **perfect performance**, but a **perfect heart**. He is looking for a heart that quickly recognises anything that offends. God wants us with a perfect heart. **He places character before performance.**

We will each be held accountable for exemplifying Jesus Christ in our spirit and behaviour, as well as in our words and duties - *who we are* before *what we do*.

Many churches when selecting people for ministry positions give priority to whether the person has natural gifting, management skills or a choleric personality. **Character is** considered of minor importance when it should be **of the utmost importance.**

A Servant Heart

Jesus' life-style and lessons establish the mode for a new kind of leader - the servant leader (Matt 20:26-28). One who stoops to help another, who counts others better than himself (Phil 2:3-4), who lays down his life for others (John 10:11), who seeks to serve rather than to be served (Luke 22:27).

Christ as our example - His love

- Was sacrificial,
- Was unconditional,
- Was constant and self-sustaining,
- Provides for the best interests of others

He commands that we should love others as he has loved us.

Paul's idea of service is the same as our Lord's: **"I am among you as he that serveth;"**
"ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

Unity And Harmony

Being **"of one accord"** is a dominant trait of the new testament church.

Their agreement was spiritual and practical, not only theological, for they shared their lives and possessions.

Acts 2:42-47, shows they met together, studied together, and shared their material possessions.

They met often to pray, revealing not only relationship with each other, but their total reliance on God.

For you to be a successful worship team, there must be **agreement together**, there must be **unity of vision and purpose**, there must be a **love and a serving of each other** and a **doing away of all hidden agendas**.

There must be co-operation, help and collaboration. You must *seek to support, strengthen and encourage each other*.

You must each **see the importance of the well-being of the team above your own self-ambition**

The word for self-ambition in the Greek - "Eritheia," describes a person concerned only with his own welfare, a person who is self-willed and seeking opportunities for promotion.

A Total Commitment

There must be *a total commitment to see the vision come to fruition*. How can your team function properly if you are slack with your attendance, with prayer or your commitment to the team goals and visions. *Lead by example*. Don't leave it up to the others to set the way. Put in a certain amount of private practice each week, bring a tape to rehearsal for recording of your parts.

Always **seek to be on time** and be men and women of prayer. Faithfulness is a must. There must be passion to see the success of what God has called you to do.

Remain fervent in spirit - living fervour, fiery hot, full of burning zeal. It signifies a high spiritual temperature, in flamed by the Holy Spirit.

A Teachable Spirit

Your attitude plays a big part in how successful you will be. Make sure you keep a sweet spirit when criticised, corrected or someone is appointed into leadership in preference to yourself.

If something upsets you get it off your chest straight away so there is no opportunity for a build up of bitterness or resentment.

When you are corrected or things happen that displease you, ask the Lord what He is trying to teach you through this situation. Learn to find the truth in any criticism. Always keep your heart open to God's instruction through these times for this is the way He builds strength of character in us.

Humility

Never think you know it all. Walk in humility of spirit and never seek to big note yourself or receive the praise of others.

Do not seek to show off or give the impression that you are seeking to be recognised.

A true worshipper recognises that **without Christ he can do nothing. God detests pride** and if we ever get to a place where we think we've got it together and are better than others, we are in serious trouble. Eg. Luke 18:9-14, James 4:10.

Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it will flow life [to other people] *Prov. 4:23*

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