

The Habits Of A Passionate Heart
#SermonPalmSunday
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Mark 7:21-23 Out of your heart come evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, stealing, murder, ²² unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, meanness, deceit, indecency, envy, insults, pride, and foolishness. ²³ All of these come from your heart, and they are what make you unfit to worship God. (CEV)

Jeremiah 17:9a The heart is the most deceitful thing there is and desperately wicked. (LB)

Romans 8:29b God decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son... (MSG)

HOW CAN I HAVE A HEART LIKE JESUS?

1. I MUST HAVE A CARING HEART

Ephesians 5:2a Be full of love for others, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins. (LB)

1 John 3:18 My children, our love should not be only words and talk. Our love must be true love. And we should show that love by what we do. (ICB)

How?

- Get into the habit of WITNESSING AND INVITING - Mark 16:15

2. I MUST HAVE AN OBEDIENT HEART

John 4:34 My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. (NLT)

1 Chronicles 22:19 Obey the LORD your God with your heart and soul. (CEV)

How?

- Get into the habit of HEARING GOD'S WORD - Rom. 10:17
- Get into the habit of READING GOD'S WORD - Rev 1:3
- Get into the habit of STUDYING GOD'S WORD - Acts 17:11
- Get into the habit of MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD - Psalm 119:11
- Get into the habit of MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD - Joshus 1:8

Matthew 13:19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and **snatches away what was sown in his heart**. This is the seed sown along the path. (NIV)

3. I MUST HAVE A SACRIFICIAL HEART

1 John 3:16 ...**Christ sacrificed his life for us**. This is why **we ought to live sacrificially**... and **not just be out for ourselves**. (MSG)

How?

- Get into the habit of **BEING UNSELFISH** - Phil 2:8

(1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

Mark 7:20 Jesus said: "What comes from your heart is what makes you unclean." (CEV)

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a **new, clean heart**, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. (LB)

Romans 3:25 God sent Christ **to be our sacrifice**. Christ offered his life's blood, so that **by faith in him** we could **come to God**... (CEV)