A HEART TO RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

Who sees into the depth of the human heart? We see only the outward appearance, but God sees the heart. For this, we can be thankful. God loves us so much that he will reveal our hearts to us. He will do even more. He will heal the deepest part of us so that we will live fruitful lives for him. God will touch the very center of our being to bring out new life reflective of those who belong to him.

Jesus told a parable to give us a behind-the-scenes glimpse into God's view of human nature. Jesus took the time to carefully map out the various heart conditions within each of us. The reason for the parable is that God does not want to leave us alone. God is looking for fruitful disciples. A disciple is one who listens and obeys God's Word. This kind of obedience must begin in the heart.

The importance of God's Word cannot be overstated. The importance of a receptive heart for God's Word is equally important. Jesus told a parable so that we might see what HE sees. If certain things are important to Jesus, we would all do well to draw close to him and his will for our lives. Who sees into the depth of the human heart? Jesus is the one. May we all grant him access and freedom to touch us in the deepest part of our being. Blessings will soon follow.

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Mark 4:1-20

HEART CHARACTERS

▪ The seed

▪ The sower

HEART CONDITIONS

▪ A hard heart

▪ A shallow heart

▪ A crowded heart

▪ A good heart

HEART CONDITIONERS

▪ Submission

▪ Humility

▪ Discipleship