

# Serving With a Heart Like Jesus

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## Matthew 9:36-38 NIV

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

*Holy Spirit, sharpen my vision; grant me passion for your purposes. May I serve my  
Servant-King with a zealous heart, a heart on fire  
with love for Him & for those He still seeks!*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus revealed a valuable principle to his disciples – *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* In that same sermon, Jesus challenges His disciples, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...."*

### 1. Have a Heart like God

- a. Jer 3:15 NIV *Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.*
- b. Israel was far from God; He promised
  - i. Forgiveness
  - ii. Blessing
  - iii. Shepherds after His heart!

### 2. Seek God Wholeheartedly

- a. Blessings occur when you do
- b. Ps 119:2 NIV *Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.*  
This masterful Psalm (119) uses each letter of the Hebrew alphabet to speak of the wonder & power of the Word of God.
- c. King Amaziah did what was right in the sight of the Lord, *"but not wholeheartedly."* (2 Chronicles 25:2)

### 3. Obey with your Whole Heart

- a. Our heart is revealed in our willingness to obey God
- b. Ps 119:34-36 NIV *Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. 35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.*
- c. As we understand, we can obey from the heart, as David did – 1 Kings 14:8 *"...you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart, doing only what was right in my eyes."*