

The Battle For The Heart

Spiritual Warfare # 6

Open It

1. Fill in the blanks: "_____ has the biggest heart I've ever seen because _____."
2. Why do you think so many songs are written about the heart?

Explore It

3. Acts 13:22 says that David was a man after God's own heart. What does that mean to you?
4. Read I Samuel 16:1-7. What made Samuel think that Eliab was the Lord's anointed?
5. How did the Lord decide whom to anoint as king?
6. Read Romans 2:28-29. Why does God put such a premium on a changed heart?
7. Read I Samuel 17:34-37. In what ways did David live dangerously?
8. How had this kind of life prepared him for the task God had for him?

Get It

9. Why is your heart such an attractive target for the devil?
10. If the Lord looks at the heart rather than outward appearances, what might He be looking for when He looks at us?
11. What are some ways that Satan steals our passion?
12. What is one way that you could live more passionately for God?
13. How do you know that God has changed your heart?
14. Someone has said that the problem with accepting Jesus into your heart is that it's still your heart. What do you think?
15. Do you think that God is more concerned with our character or our comfort? Why do you think so?

Apply It

16. As I survey my life, I believe I am spending my life: 1) on the edge for God; 2) in an easy chair; 3) a little bit on the edge and a little bit in the easy chair.
17. Mark 8:35 (Living Bible paraphrase) reads, "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live." Consider the following questions:
 - a. Am I living my life too cautiously?
 - b. What is holding me back from giving my heart fully to God?