

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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The Incredibles #3

"An Incredible Heart"

1 Samuel 16:6-7 (NIV) ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Acts 13:22 (NIV) After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Characteristics of an Incredible Heart:

1. A _____ heart

Psalm 51:1-3 (NIV) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Psalm 51:17 (NLT) The sacrifice you want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, you will not despise.

1 John 1:9 (NLT) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.

2. A _____ heart

Psalm 73:25-26 (GN) What else do I have in heaven but you? Since I have you, what else could I want on earth? My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my strength; he is all I ever need.

Psalm 116:10-11 (GN) I kept on believing, even when I said, "I am completely crushed," even when I was afraid and said, "No one can be trusted."

3. A _____ heart

• God created us _____ to _____ . So the purpose of our lives is to _____

Acts 17:28 (NLT) For in him we live and move and exist.

Mark 10:45 (NIV) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Psalm 119:35-37 (NLT) 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. ³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Joshua 24:14-15 (NLT) ¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

4. A _____ heart

Acts 13:36 (NIV) For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep.

1 Samuel 18:14 (NIV) In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.

Psalm 115:1 (NLT) Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,

Psalm 75:6-7 (NIV) ⁶ No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man. ⁷ But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV) "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

March memory verse: Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.