

When You Pray: Search Me
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ACTS 13:22 NIV

“After removing Saul, he made David their king. God 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.’”

PROVERBS 4:23 NLT

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

JEREMIAH 17:9 NLT

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

PSALM 139:23-24 NLT

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

MATTHEW 15:8 NKJV

“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”

“Search Me” Prayer: Giving God FULL ACCESS to your heart!

PSALM 139:23-24 MSG

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I’m about; see for yourself whether I’ve done anything wrong—then guide me on the road to eternal life.

You shift from: asking God to do something FOR ME to asking God to do something IN ME.

3 Main Areas of the “Search Me” Prayer:

1. Reveal my motives
2. Reveal my fears
3. Reveal my sins

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8 NKJV

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

PSALM 51:4-6 MSG

You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair. I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you're after is TRUTH from the INSIDE OUT. ENTER ME, then; CONCEIVE A NEW, TRUE LIFE.