

AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

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"I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do." **Acts 13:22**
(1 Sam. 13:14; Jer. 3:15; Acts 7:45-46)

BIG IDEA: What does it mean to be a person "after God's own heart?"

Why is this important? Because this is the relationship that you have been restored to in Christ!

"Blessed is the one in whose spirit is no deceit." **Ps. 32:2**

"whose lives are lived in complete honesty!" **32:2 NLT**

"you're holding nothing back from him." **32:2 MESSAGE**

Being a person after God's heart means HOLDING NOTHING BACK. Living in COMPLETE HONESTY with him.

"When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin. **Psalm 32:3-5**

Adam and Eve hid from God. (Gen. 3:8-11)

Peter held nothing back. (Lk. 5:8; Mt. 16:15-23; Jn. 6:68-69)

Vertically AND Horizontally

"Anybody who does wrong hates the light and keeps away from it, for fear his deeds may be exposed." **John 3:20**

"If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us." **1 John 1:6-10**

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." **James 5:16 NLT** (Rom. 12:15-16)

It is in **this honesty that Real Trust is birthed.**

"Into your hands I commit my spirit" **Psalm 31:5**

Sharing In God's Nature: Trinity

Putting It Into Practice

1. Stop lying to YOURSELF.
2. Stop bringing God only the SANITIZED PARTS of you and bring him all of you.
3. CONFESS your sin(s) to him as a normal daily practice.
4. Find a few trusted, mature friends who you can be COMPLETELY HONEST with and practice this regularly (and pray for each other)!