

# What Does God See in Your Heart?

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“God left him alone only to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart” (2 Chronicles 32:31, NAS). King Hezekiah of Judah is the subject of this passage, but forget about him for a minute. What does God see in YOUR heart? These five contrasting hearts should help you answer that question (these examples come from kings of Israel or Judah, during the divided kingdom period).

Contrast #1: Prepared or Unprepared?

Does He see what He saw in Rehoboam’s heart? “He did evil, because **he did not prepare his heart** (“did not set his heart”—ESV, NASV) to seek the LORD” (2 Chronicles 12:14).

Or, does He see what He saw in Jehoshaphat’s heart? “Good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and **have prepared your heart to seek God**” (2 Chronicles 19:3).

Contrast #2: My Ways or His Ways?

Does He see what He saw in Jeroboam’s heart? “So he made offerings...in the month which he had **devised in his own heart**” (1 Kings 12:33).

Or, does He see what He saw in Jehoshaphat’s heart? “And **his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD**” (2 Chronicles 17:6).

Contrast #3: Hard or Tender?

Does He see what He saw in Zedekiah’s heart? “He stiffened his neck and **hardened his heart** against turning to the LORD God of Israel” (2 Chronicles 36:13).

Or, does He see what He saw in Josiah’s heart? “Because your **heart was tender**, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place...you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you” (2 Chronicles 34:27).

Contrast #4: All or Holding Back?

Does He see what He saw in Jehu’s heart? “But Jehu took **no heed to walk** in the law of the LORD God of Israel **with all his heart**” (2 Kings 10:31).

Or, does He see what He saw in Josiah’s heart? “Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with **all his heart**, with **all his soul**, and with **all his might**, according to **all** the law of Moses...” (2 Kings 23:25).

Contrast #5: Lifted Up or Lowly?

Does He see what He saw in Uzziah’s heart? “But when he was strong **his heart was lifted up**, to his destruction...” (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Or, does He see what He saw in Hezekiah's heart? "Hezekiah **humbled himself for the pride of his heart...**" (2 Chron. 32:26). And in Manasseh's heart? "Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and **humbled himself** greatly..."

"I am He who searches the minds and hearts" (Revelation 2:23). Let's make sure God finds in us a humble heart; a heart that delights only in His ways; a heart completely set on following His ways; a heart devoted to following ALL His ways; and a heart which is ever tender, toward both His commandments and His correction.