

## I WANT TO BE READY & FOCUSED

**KING HEZEKIAH**

**2 CHRONICLES 30:19**

**Day 26**

"May the good Lord pardon everyone who prepares his heart to seek God". This is what King Hezekiah prayed for his people. What is "preparing" your heart? When John the Baptist was ministering, he was preparing the way of the Lord; he was in place before the Lord Jesus came to announce what was to come, and to get ready for what was to come.

"Preparing" our hearts is no difference. I hold my heart up to God and decide beforehand what I will do. With all the distractions all around me, I need to have a plan before the troubles hit me in the face. I need to prepare.

Lord, when the next trial hits me, I will: not get prideful and figure that I can handle the situation myself; not isolate myself from people who love me and are standing with me in whatever situation I find myself; not complain about the problem & then whine about how You do not understand what I am going through; not ignore & deny the blessings coming through this trial; have already prayed extensively for Your perfect will to be always accomplished in my life; not skip reading the Bible everyday before the trial hits; fill my mouth, mind, and attitude with thanksgiving for whatever comes.

It sounds very simplistic, but we should decide ahead of time that we are going to allow God to run our lives any way He sees fit. Would you believe that we must tell this to the Lord everyday before we get started. We need to keep our commitment to the Lord fresh; we need to keep our strong wills sharply pointed to God; we need to keep what we want right behind what we need; we need to honor the only Will that is perfect and without selfish motivations.

Before life gets blurred with the dust storms of life, I need to be ready & focus to do things God's way.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. How do you keep yourself focused throughout the day, so that no matter what comes, you are willing to trust God in it & follow His directions toward the light of His best?
2. What things mess up your focus in being prepared for what God has in store for you?

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.