

WE CAN TOUCH GOD'S HEART.
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Colossians 1:10-AMP.

... That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things...

John 6:26-NLT

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with Me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.

27 But **don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you.**

Proverbs 16:7-NIV

... When the way you live pleases the LORD, he makes even your enemies live at peace with you.

Matthew 6:33-AMP.

But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

1. WE CAN TOUCH THE HEART OF GOD BY: OBEDIENCE.

Acts 13:22-NLT

But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after My own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

Message Bible-...*He's a man whose heart beats to my heart, a man who will do what I tell him.'*

Amplified Translation-... *who will do all My will and carry out My program fully.*

Passion - ...a man who always pursues my heart and will accomplish all that I have destined him to do.'

1Samuel 15:22-NLT

... But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.

Message Translation-... Then Samuel said, Do you think all GOD wants are sacrifices-- empty rituals just for show?

Psalms 40:8-CJB

... Doing your will, my God, is my joy; your Torah is in my inmost being.

ERV-... My God, I am happy to do whatever you want. I never stop thinking about your teachings."

Job 36:11-AMP

... If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasantness and joy.

Hebrews 11:6-CJB

... And without trusting, it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, because whoever approaches him must trust that he does exist and that he becomes a Rewarder to those who seek him out.

2. WE CAN TOUCH THE HEART OF GOD BY: HAVING FAITH IN GOD'S WORD ALONE.

Matthew 8:5-10-AMP

5 As Jesus went into Capernaum, a centurion came up to Him, begging Him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant boy is lying at the house paralyzed and distressed with intense pains.

7 And Jesus said to him, I will come and restore him.

8 But the centurion replied to Him, Lord, I am not worthy or fit to have You come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant boy will be cured.

9 For I also am a man subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does it.

10 When Jesus heard him, He marveled and said to those who followed Him [*who adhered steadfastly to Him, conforming to His example in living and, if need be, in dying also*], I tell you truly, I have not found so much faith as this with anyone, even in Israel.

Murdock - ... And when Jesus heard [this], he admired [it]; ...

3. WE CAN TOUCH THE HEART OF GOD BY: CHEERFUL GIVING.

2Corinthians 9:6 - 7-AMP

[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [*that blessings may come to someone*] will also reap generously and with blessings.

... Let each one [*give*] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [*whose heart is in his giving*]. [Prov. 22:9.]

Mark 12:43-44-ERV

Jesus called his followers to him and said, "This poor widow put in only two small coins. But the truth is, she gave more than all those rich people.

44 They have plenty, and they gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had. It was money she needed to live on."

Declaration: *I commit from this time forward to pursue pleasing God more than anything else. I will obey quickly all the instruction He gives. I will have faith in the Word of God alone. I will be a cheerful giver in everything that I give!
I will live life in a manner that honors Him and pleases Him.*