

HEART FOR THE KINGDOM

The Heart Behind It All (Week 1)

Preacher: **Daniel Erasmus**

Worship:

Song Suggestions:

- *Heart of Worship* - Matt Redman
- *Gratitude* - Brandon Lake

As you worship, ask God to search your heart and align it with His. Invite Him to do a deep work in your heart that impacts every area of your life.

Check-in:

This series is about heart transformation. Take a moment to share:

- Where have I felt resistance or discomfort when it comes to money or generosity?
- What's one area of my life where I sense God wants to do a heart work?

Synopsis of message:

This week we launched the **Heart for the Kingdom** series, focusing on how our hearts shape our lives, our finances, and our faith. Jesus taught that **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also** (*Matthew 6:21*). The message reminded us that:

Key Themes:

1. **It's Not About Money** - It's About the Heart - God isn't after our money; He's after our hearts.
2. **Giving Reflects the Heart** - What we give (*judgment, grace, forgiveness, generosity*) flows from our heart posture.
3. **God Invented Giving to Shape Us** - Giving breaks selfishness and forms gratitude and trust.
4. **Develop Four Heart Attitudes:**
 - Deal with a selfish heart
 - Deal with a grieving heart
 - Develop a grateful heart
 - Develop a generous heart

God wants to form in us a heart that reflects His - generous, open-handed, and full of trust.

Scripture Focus:

- Matthew 6:21
- Luke 6:37 - 38
- Matthew 7:1 - 2
- Deuteronomy 15:7 - 10, 14 - 15
- Psalm 24:1
- John 3:16

Discussion Questions:

1. **Heart Check**
 - What thoughts or emotions come up when you hear the word "giving"?
 - How does your heart respond to the idea that giving is more about formation than finances?
2. **Selfishness and Grief**
 - Have you ever felt regret after giving? What caused it?
 - What helps you overcome selfish or fearful thoughts when it comes to generosity?
3. **Gratitude and Generosity**
 - How does remembering what Jesus has done for you shape your generosity?
 - What's one way you can live more open-handed this week?
4. **Treasure and Trust**
 - Where is your treasure currently? What does that say about your heart?
 - What would it look like to trust God more deeply with your resources?

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Prayer Moment:

- Invite God to do a heart work in you.
- Pray: *"Lord, I want a heart like Yours - generous, grateful, and full of trust."*
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you deal with selfishness, grief, and fear.
- Pray for each person to experience freedom and joy in giving.

Next Step:

This week, I will:

- Reflect on one area where I've been holding back from God.
- Choose one intentional act of generosity - time, words, resources.
- Pray daily: *"God, shape my heart to reflect Yours."*