

The Danger Of A Hardened Heart

“Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.” Proverbs 18:14, English Standard Version

Why did the _____ son _____ home? Who _____ him?

Some Who Suffered From Hardened Hearts

- A. Mark 3:1-6 – The Pharisees were “_____” men, yet could not _____ what was so plain to others.
- B. Other examples of hardened hearts:
 - 1. Exodus 11:9; Joshua 2:10 - _____ is a notorious example of this problem, yet _____ saw the lesson to be learned from God’s _____.
 - 2. Psalm 95:7b-9 – The _____ hardened their hearts by putting _____ to the _____ at Meribah (twice).
 - 3. Zechariah 7:12,13 – They made their hearts _____ - _____, and would _____ to the Lord.
 - 4. Mark 16:14 – Jesus _____ the _____ for their hardness of heart.

How Can Christians Guard Against Hard Heartedness?

- A. What Christians can do to avoid this spiritual illness:
 - 1. Zechariah 7:11,12 – We can pay _____ to God and _____ when He speaks.
 - 2. Ezekiel 36:26,27 – We can _____ for the Lord to _____ our hard heart and replace it with one of _____.
 - 3. Proverbs 28:14 – Heed the _____ about the dangers of this condition.
 - 4. James 3:17 – Seek the _____ from _____, which includes being _____ to _____. Davids: This is “a person who will _____ be _____.”
 - 5. Acts 18:24-26 – Be like _____, who was willing to be _____ the way of God more _____.
- B. Psalm 95:6,7 – By regularly _____ our _____, it is unlikely that we will become hardened.

Deuteronomy 15:7,8 – Here is a _____ to see how our hearts are. Will our hands be _____ or _____ to the poor?

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