

Answer Key:

- available

God is looking for?

1. Pure •Holy

Check your Heart...

- conscious •motives •humility •honesty
2. broken • breaks
3. faith • act
4. future •values •priorities
5. give up •discouraged / diligent / persistent / determined!
6. LOVE

Encourage

Part 4

Open, Are you available?

2 Chronicles 16:9 Living Bible

"For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them."

Introductory Statement

Throughout the Scriptures and throughout the history of the Christian church, we find that God has done unexpected things with unexpected people. He has done extraordinary things through ordinary people. When you re-read the key verse for today, the verse does not say God is looking for strong men and women; it says God is looking for people whom He can be strong on behalf of. You have heard me say this many time, God is not looking for ability as much as He is looking for availability.

•Are you _____?

Mark 12:30 GWT

***"So, love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength."***

God is looking for?

***Availability means submitting our time, talents and resources to
God.***

1. God is looking for people with a _____ heart.

1 Timothy 4:16 Living Bible

***"Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is
right and God will bless you and use you to help others."***

• When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you want to be

Acts 5:32 GWT

***"We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom
God has given to those who obey him."***

Proverbs 21:3 NIV

***"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the LORD than
sacrifice."***

Check your Heart...

• Clear _____.

1 John 1:9 NIV

***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us
our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"***

• Pure _____.

Jeremiah 48:10 ESV

"Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD with slackness,"

• _____.

Proverbs 18:12 GWT

***"Before destruction a person's heart is arrogant, but humility comes
before honor."***

• _____.

Psalm 39:1 NIV

"I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth."

"God is looking for people thru whom He can do the impossible.

What a pity we plan only things we can do by ourselves"

A.W. Tozer

2. God is looking for people who are _____.

Psalm 51:17 Living Bible

"It is a broken spirit you want—remorse and penitence. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore."

• Our hearts need to break over the things that

_____ God's heart.

What breaks God's Heart?

Unbelief and rejection breaks God's heart, because He knows the consequences. But when the door of the human heart is shut, He refuses to enter forcibly. He will only knock, wanting to gain admittance. He has given us the ability to choose. But when we choose the wrong thing, He knows the repercussions that will follow—in this life and the one to come. And His heart is broken.

3. God is looking for people who have _____.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

• People of faith, who believe God's Word and they

_____ on it.

Romans 14:23 NIV

"...everything that does not come from faith is sin."

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."

William Carey

What are believing God for?

4. God is looking for people who see what the _____ should be.

Colossians 3:2 NIV

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

- People who have their eyes on eternity, have eternal _____.

Colossians 3:2 Living Bible

"Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here."

- God is looking for people who have their _____ right.

5. God is looking for people who don't _____!

Galatians 6:9 Living Bible

"...let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up."

- They need to be people who don't get _____, they are _____, and _____!

2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV

"Therefore we do not lose heart."

"I've never known God to use a discouraged person."

D.L. Moody

Christians should never let troubles get them down except down on their knees.

6. God is looking for people who will _____ others.

1 John 4:7-8 Living Bible

"...let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better. But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God—for God is love."

People are looking for love!

Questions...

- Do you really love people?
- Do you love people the way that Jesus loves people?

"Sympathy is when you say, 'I'm sorry you hurt.' Empathy is when you say, 'I hurt with you.' But compassion is 'I'll do anything I can to stop your hurt.'" If you study the life of Christ it says "He was filled with compassion." He said, "I'll do anything I can to stop your hurt even if it means going to the cross. He was moved with compassion.

Closing Statement

You just must be willing to let God use you. You just must be available when God needs a servant to teach or touch or help another person in his name. You just have to be there.