

# what is in your heart?

ephesians 1:23

## saved by grace

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast.

ephesians 2:8-9

## called by grace

<sup>15</sup>But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace...

galatians 1:15

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began...

2 timothy 1:8-9

## grace takes work

<sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

1 corinthians 15:10

## grace enables

<sup>8</sup>And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 corinthians 9:6

## grace empowers

<sup>9</sup>And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 corinthians 12:9

## willing and able

<sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

philippians 2:13

## a heart for His house

<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, <sup>2</sup>that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." <sup>3</sup>Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that *is* in your heart, for the LORD *is* with you."

2 samuel 7:1-3

<sup>17</sup>"Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>"But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.'

1 kings 8:17-18

- How do you see church?

<sup>1</sup>Then David the king addressed the congregation: "My son Solomon was singled out and chosen by God to do this. But he's young and untested and the work is huge—this is not just a place for people to meet each other, but a house for GOD to meet us. <sup>2</sup>I've done my best to get everything together for building this house for my God, all the materials necessary: gold, silver, bronze, iron, lumber, precious and varicolored stones, and building stones—vast stockpiles. <sup>3</sup>Furthermore, because my heart is in this, in addition to and beyond

what I have gathered, I'm turning over my personal fortune of gold and silver for making this place of worship for my God:

<sup>4</sup>3,000 talents (about 113 tons) of gold—all from Ophir, the best—and 7,000 talents (214 tons) of silver for covering the walls of the buildings, <sup>5</sup>and for the gold and silver work by craftsmen and artisans. "And now, how about you? Who among you is ready and willing to join in the giving? <sup>6</sup>Ready and willing, the heads of families, leaders of the tribes of Israel, commanders and captains in the army, stewards of the king's affairs, stepped forward and gave willingly.

<sup>7</sup>They gave 5,000 talents (188 tons) and 10,000 darics (185 pounds) of gold, 10,000 talents of silver (377 tons), 18,000 talents of bronze (679 tons), and 100,000 talents (3,775 tons) of iron. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who had precious jewels put them in the treasury for the building of The Temple of GOD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup>And the people were full of a sense of celebration—all that giving! And all given willingly, freely! King David was exuberant.

1 chronicles 29:1-9

### the centre point

<sup>23</sup>The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

ephesians 1:23 (message)

Peripheral:

- On or near an edge or constituting an outer boundary; the outer area
- Related to the key issue but not of central importance

### willing hearts

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.

<sup>22</sup>They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, *and* brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who *made* an offering of gold to the LORD.

<sup>23</sup>And every man, with whom was found blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, fine linen, and goats' *hair*, red skins of rams, and badger skins, brought *them*.

<sup>24</sup>Everyone who offered an offering of silver or bronze brought the LORD'S offering. And everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought *it*. <sup>25</sup>All the women *who were* gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, of blue, purple, *and* scarlet, and fine linen. <sup>26</sup>And all the women whose heart stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' *hair*. <sup>27</sup>The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate, <sup>28</sup>and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

<sup>29</sup>The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring *material* for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.

exodus 35:21-29

### willing people

<sup>2</sup>When leaders lead in Israel, When the people willingly offer themselves, Bless the LORD!

judges 5:2

The Church that I see is a Church of influence. A Church so large in size that the city and nation cannot ignore it. A Church growing so quickly that buildings struggle to contain the increase.

I see a Church whose heartfelt praise and worship touches Heaven and changes earth; worship which influences the praises of people throughout the earth, exalting Christ with powerful songs of faith and hope.

I see a Church whose altars are constantly filled with repentant sinners responding to Christ's call to salvation.  
Yes, the Church that I see is so dependent on the Holy Spirit that nothing will stop it nor stand against it; a Church whose people are unified, praying and full of God's Spirit.

The Church that I see has a message so clear that lives are changed forever and potential is fulfilled through the power of His Word; a message beamed to the peoples of the earth through their television screens.

I see a Church so compassionate that people are drawn from impossible situations into a loving and friendly circle of hope, where answers are found and acceptance is given.  
I see a people so Kingdom-minded that they will count whatever the cost and pay whatever the price to see revival sweep this land.

The Church that I see is a Church so committed to raising, training and empowering a leadership generation to reap the end-time harvest that all its ministries are consumed with this goal.

I see a Church whose head is Jesus, whose help is the Holy Spirit and whose focus is the Great Commission.

Yes, the church that I see could well be YOUR CHURCH.