

A Devoted Heart Ezra 7:6-10

Determination Of Heart

Essential to our service to God

Israel's history demonstrates a lack of such determination among the people
Wilderness wandering, Conquering the land, Time of judges, Kings, Prophets, etc.

Ezra is a different sort

Attitude-set or determination of heart - **Ezra 7:10; Daniel 1:8; Matthew 15:19; Acts 8:21**

Determination was three fold-know, practice, teach law of God.

Effort, sacrifice, persistence necessary to success.

To Study The Law of Jehovah-Know

Ezra 7:6

Jehovah's law can be known today - **John 7:17; 2Peter 1:3-4**

Diligent study --seek to know all of Word - **Acts 17:11; 1Corinthians 14:37**

Right attitude--let word teach us - **John 6:45; Acts 3:22-23; Hebrews 1:1-2; Hebrews 12:25**

How to live before God - **1John 1:7**

How to conduct oneself toward others - **Matthew 7:12**

Our duty to members of body of Christ - **Ephesians 4:16**

Duty to family and self - **1Timothy 5:8**

Duty to government - **Romans 13**

To Do It--Practice

Ezra's attitude same as attitude of people - **Ezra 10:3-5**

Admonitions to us - **James 1:19-27; Matthew 7:21-23; Matthew 23:1-4; James 2:24**

Being right in theory does not make us right in practice – Peter - **Galatians 2:14**

Warning- Cannot go beyond what is written - **1Corinthians 4:6; 2John 9**

To Teach in Israel Statutes & Ordinances --Teach

Duty of scribe - **Ezra 10:9-12; Nehemiah 8:13-18**

Expected of disciples - **Matthew 28:20; 2Timothy 2:2; Matthew 13:52; Titus 2:1**

Examples

Philip going Samaria - **Acts 8**

Aquila & Priscilla - **Acts 5**

Apollos - **Acts 18**

Not all can be taught - **Matthew 7:6; 2Timothy 2:25**

Hindrances

Lack of knowledge

Failure to practice

Fear of failure, rejection & ridicule

Have we prepared our hearts to know, do & teach God's law?

Are we willing to achieve success? - Effort, sacrifice & persistence

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