

THE *Spirit of Life*

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The Servant's Heart

Enter in through the narrow gate, for broad is the road that leads to destruction. The narrow gate is God's will, the good soil is a good heart — the heart of the servant. The servant's heart desires to obey his master and nothing else. He hears the Word and immediately does what it says. The seed that fell on the good soil are those who, in an honest and good heart, hear the Word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.

Satan tries to take the Word out of our hearts by tempting us to once again serve the desires of the flesh or to once again love this world. Those with a good heart watch and pray so they won't fall to temptation. They remember that their old man is dead and that they have risen to a new spiritual life and live as strangers here — not of this world.

The heart of the spiritual servant hears the Word, receives it, guards it, endures the fiery trials and does what the Word says to do. He only desires to finish the work on earth that his Master has assigned him. We do not increase our faith by doing great and mighty things, but by humbly submitting to God's Word in every area of life.

God has given us the Holy Spirit to make us holy. The servant realizes he is unable to do his Master's will because his flesh is unwilling. But he knows that if he asks anything according to God's will, He will do it. So the spiritual servant hears the Word, receives it, guards it by asking God to cause him to obey it and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he patiently waits for God to do this work in him. He comes joyfully to the house of prayer to serve God, knowing that the power of the Spirit is making him look less and less like a servant and more like a son.

Be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.