

# THE HEART TEST

BY PASTOR ROBERT MORRIS

As we start a new year, we're entering a season where most of us reevaluate our lives. We ask ourselves things like: Am I eating healthy enough? How is my exercise schedule? So, I want to challenge you to ask yourself this question: Where is my treasure?

Matthew 6:21 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It's a very familiar passage I'm sure you have heard, but I want you

to notice how it's worded. It doesn't say, "Where your heart is, there your treasure will be also" (even though

many people quote and apply it that way). It says that your heart follows your treasure. When you look at where your money goes, your heart is revealed. That's why tithing is actually a test for every Christian. When translated from the Bible, tithe literally means "tenth" or "a tenth part."

Do you know what the number ten represents all through the Bible? Testing. For example, Egypt went through ten plagues, Moses received ten commandments, and God tested Israel ten times while they were in the wilderness. When it comes to tithing, the test is how we handle our money. The outcome of that test determines whether He can trust us with true riches or not. That's why, for us as Christians, money is

more than just a means for buying things. Jesus spent 30 percent of His time teaching on money for a reason.

As Matthew 6:21 shows us, God knows where our heart is by where our treasure is. If you say, "My heart is in the kingdom of God," your bank account will either validate or refute that claim.

This year, I encourage you to take some time to reevaluate where your treasure is and make sure your heart is in the right place.

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# SPOTLIGHT DEVOTIONAL

by Alan Bullock

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – NEVER STOP PRAYING FOR REVIVAL

Once again, our world, nation and people find themselves in need of revival. Left to himself, man will continue to decay and disintegrate morally and spiritually. For 3 years Jesus poured himself into his Disciples, and revival broke out in the Upper Room in Acts 2. A supernatural awakening with sinners being changed into saints followed.

Today the need for a revival, a powerful awakening, has become critical. Revival is more than a week of evangelistic meetings, authentic emotionalism, excitement, or an event, though these things are good. Our only hope now is a God-Revival, where we experience a move of God in power with Holy Spirit manifestations and inexplicable phenomena.

Like days of old, revival comes when we mourn over our sin and cry out to God in extra-ordinary prayer, extra-ordinary conviction and repentance, and extra-ordinary deep, authentic and passionate Worship (2 Chronicles 7:14). These often spontaneous movings can be protracted weeks and months until God sends an extra-ordinary Spiritual Awakening.

It starts with the church and flows out to the lost.

This new year, let each of us cry out to God and pursue personal revival – like Moses, let us spend time on God's mountain until our faces shine from His presence (Exodus 34:29). Let every believer seek a supernatural manifestation of His Glory; and a true, life-changing encounter with God. Let the Church of the Living God settle for nothing less than multitudes saved, an awakening of each believer to Scriptural obedience that has the stamp of Deity upon it, members awakening from their slumber, crying out to God day and night until revival falls.

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### FROM JONI LAMB

So many exciting things happened at Daystar last year, including the release of our new CD, No Chains! A wonderful mix of praise, worship, traditional gospel and more, No Chains will bless you in so many ways as you transition into a new year. If you haven't picked up a copy yet, be sure to check it out for yourself at DaystarSingers.com.

One of my favorite songs from No Chains is "Cast All" – I love how it talks about casting your cares on the Lord no matter what season you're in, something that is especially important as you reflect on the past and move forward into the new year. Regardless of whether 2014 was a year of rejoicing or sadness, when you choose to cast all your cares on the Lord and place your full trust in Him, you can have a fresh start in 2015.

Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken."

Choose to put your faith, hope and trust in Him during this new season, and remember, He will always be with you – no matter what.

### PARTNERS IN ACTION

#### JOIN IN ON "FILL HIS HEART" THIS MONTH!

If you watched *Marcus and Joni* during December, then you've probably heard about our brand new, exciting campaign called "Fill His Heart." If you missed it, don't worry – there's still time to join in on the fun in January!

"Fill His Heart" is all about reminding and encouraging you, our partners and viewers, to be faithful with the pledges you made during *Heart for the World*. We believe that when we honor the commitments we've made that are prompted by the Holy Spirit, it helps bless the lives of others and grow the Kingdom. And when we touch lives in this way, it fills God's heart with joy – hence "Fill His Heart." During the month of January, we will have a certain goal to meet in regards to pledges made and fulfilled. Each pledge matters, no matter how big or small – every dollar given helps to expand Daystar's global footprint as we push to do more ministry projects all across the world.

There are also fun prizes to win when you participate in our "Watch & Win" Challenge. Each Monday during "Fill His Heart" on *Marcus and Joni*, there will be a special video featuring one of the Israeli soldiers you helped donate protective eyewear to during *Heart for the World*. Once the video is finished, you will have the opportunity to answer a trivia question about it. If you are one of the first five callers to answer correctly, you will win an awesome prize!

To find out more and track the progress of this campaign, be sure to check out Daystar.com/ FillHisHeart, and tune in each Monday during January for "Fill His Heart" on *Marcus and Joni* at 12:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Eastern.





### FROM THE DESK OF MARCUS LAMB

Dear Partners & Friends,

While I was praying, God gave me a word for you. He said, "This new year is a "new opportunity" for you and your family!" You can have a fresh start, or a new beginning.

2 Cor. 5:17 says, "Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new!"

So I want you to be encouraged by this word from God today. Get excited! Believe it. Then begin to expect it, and look for it. And my promise to you as my Partner or Friend is that I will keep praying with you about it through all of 2015.

And when God does it, I want you to let me know. I want you to give God the glory. And I want to rejoice with you.

It is unlimited as to what God can do for you in this new year of 2015.

One way to insure the faithfulness of God to you is for you to be faithful to Him. So I want to really encourage you to be faithful to the Heart for the World pledges that you have made. And if you have ever pledged for Israel since 2005, please make sure and catch up those Israel pledges! (That is vital for you since God says, "I will bless those who bless Israel!")

Here are a few new things for your Daystar:

- 1) In 2011, Daystar was the first, and only, Christian TV Network to launch on the largest TV platform in the United Kingdom! It is called Freeview. We went off for a while but are now back on! (This is millions and millions and millions of homes!!!)
- 2) Daystar will be the first international Christian TV Network to launch on the largest TV platform in Australia. It is called *Foxtel*. (This is millions of homes.)
- 3) Daystar Canada will launch on Bell/Fibe Cable Systems in Canada. (This is millions of homes.)

By now, almost all of our 100+ over the air TV Stations have been converted to HD (High Definition). Charter Cable is carrying Daystar in HD. And soon Verizon FiOS will be carrying Daystar in HD. (If your TV Provider is not carrying Daystar in HD, please contact them and request it. You have that right as their paying customer!)

Partners have a part in all that Daystar is doing across America and around the world, and especially reaching Israel. Joni & I are so thankful for all of our faithful Partners. Please pray and ask God what He would have you give today...

Yours For Christian Television.

Founder - President

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **MARCUS & JONI**

Michael Koulianos Jan 1 Jan 20 Dr. Tony Evans

Tim Guraedy (Mountain Man Jan 26

from Duck Dynasty)

Daystar.com/MarcusAndJoni

#### **JONI TABLE TALK**

Thursdays If there's one thing we love on Joni, its music! So every Thursday this month we're bringing you exciting, moving musical performances by Phillips, Craig and Dean, Forever JONES, Ginny Owens and more! So tune in, and kick the year off right with Joni Music Thursdays this January on Daystar! Daystar.com/Joni

### ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA -**CAVALRY CHRISTIAN CENTER, MARCUS AND JONI**

Marcus and Joni Lamb will be at Jim and Dawn Raley's church in Ormond Beach, Florida Sunday, January 11th at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

### WINTER RAMP -

Winter Ramp is an annual conference put on by Karen Wheaton of The Ramp that is dedicated to awakening. Daystar will be airing live the January 1st and 2nd sessions at 8:30 p.m. Eastern. Be sure to tune in!

### **GATEWAY FIRST CONFERENCE –**

Daystar will be airing the Gateway First Conference live from Robert Morris' Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas on Monday, January 5th - Wednesday, January 7th at 8:30 p.m. Eastern.

"You have been praying for the sale of my mom's townhome, as it will be 5 years this January that she has passed. It was sold by a cash buyer and my 3 sisters and I now have the Christmas gift of a sale. My husband and I are now able to get out of debt and we will stay out of debt! Praise God!"

- Jan from Oak Lawn, Illinois

"I gave to Israel during HFTW, and the Lord showed me that He blesses those who bless Israel. Two weeks later, a company rang and cancelled my debt. They had previously demanded \$3000 extra (illegally) because I noted they damaged my furniture and I wanted it fixed. God spoke to me about forgiveness as well, and I let it go in God's hands, and the company removed the demand, cancelled the debt, and paid me \$250 back!"

- Tina in Sydney, Australia