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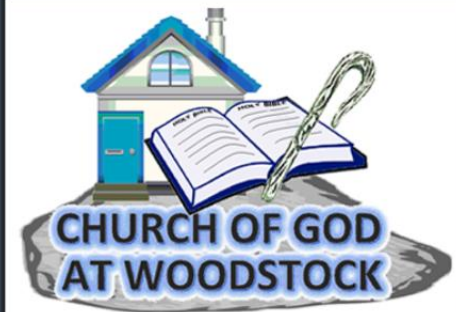


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*EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD*

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Does it apply or does it matter?



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Context:

- Does it apply to only an individual or small group?
- Is it a parable or magnification of a principle?



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Common applications of this statement

- Be perfect by obedience to commands.
 - Doing the stuff makes a person perfect
- Be perfect by never sinning, not even once.
 - After conversion of course
- Ignore this as pie-in-the-sky rhetoric.
 - Don't make a big deal about it, just do the best you can, God will excuse the rest.



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Acts 13:22

And when He [*God*] had removed him [*Saul*], He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said, I have found **David** the son of Jesse, **a man after Mine own heart**, which shall fulfil all My will.



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1 Kings 15:5

Because **David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, *save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.***



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Psalm 51:1–12

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, **thou desirest truth in the inward parts**: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: **wash me**, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to **hear joy and gladness**; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

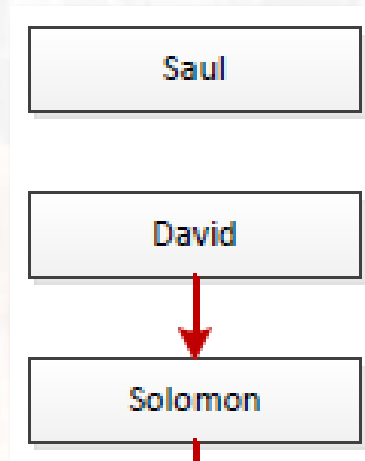
Hide thy face from my sins, and **blot out all mine iniquities**.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

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1 Chronicles 28:9

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with **a perfect heart** and with **a willing mind**: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.



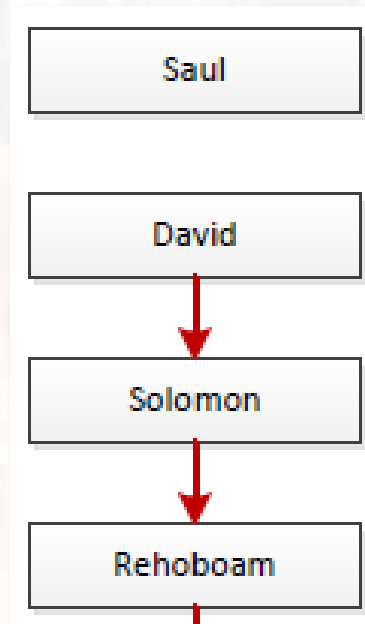
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1 Kings 11:4–6

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father**. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, **as did David his father**.



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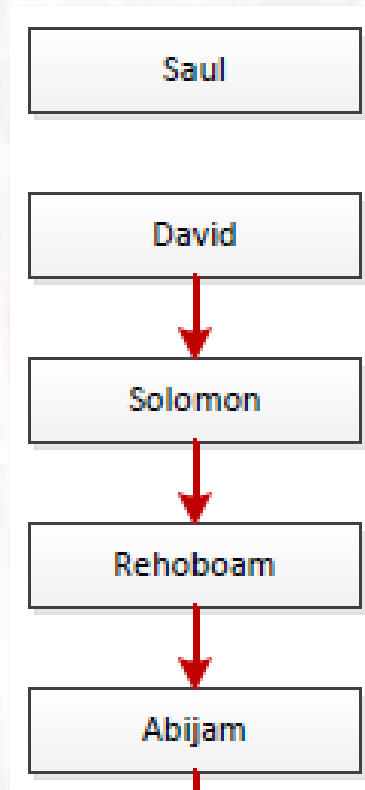
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2 Chronicles 12:13–14

So king **Rehoboam** strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. **And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.**



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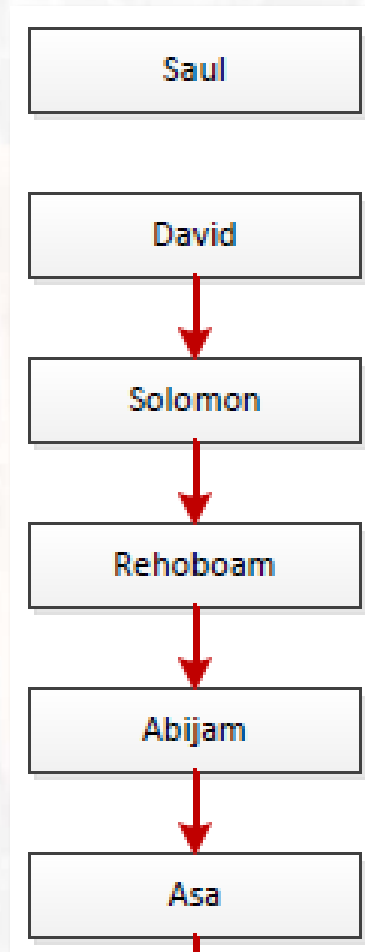
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1 Kings 15:1-3

Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned **Abijam** over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And **he walked in all the sins of his father**, which he had done before him: and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father**



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2 Chronicles 14:1–5 [1-2]

So Abijah [*Abijam*] slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and **Asa** his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. And **Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:**



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2 Chronicles 14:1–5 [3-5]

For he **took away the altars** of the strange gods, and **the high places**, and **brake down the images**, and **cut down the groves**: And **commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers**, and to **do the law and the commandment**. Also **he took away** out of all the cities of Judah the **high places and the images**: and the kingdom was quiet before him.



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2 Chronicles 15:17

But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of **Asa was perfect all his days.**



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Proverbs 4:20–23

My son, **attend** to my words; **incline** thine ear unto my sayings. Let them **not depart** from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine heart**. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. **Keep thy heart with all diligence**; for out of it are the issues of life.

Psalms 4:4

Stand in awe, and sin not: **commune with your own heart upon your bed**, and be still. Selah.



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Mark 10:25–27

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, **Who then can be saved?** And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for **with God all things are possible.**



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Ezekiel 36:26

A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Romans 10:10

For **with the heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Ephesians 4:24

And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.



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Summary of Asa (1 Kings 15:8-24, 2 Chron 14:1 – 16:14)

2 Chronicles 14:1 – 15:19 – Asa reigns, removes idolatry (including those of his mother) and calls Judah to repentance. Reinststitutes worship of God and rededicates the temple

2 Chronicles 14:6-7 – Ethiopia comes up against Judah with a huge force, Asa and Judah turn to and rely on the LORD and He gives Judah a miraculous victory. Other than this brief encounter, peace prevails for the first 35 years of Asa's reign.



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2 Chronicles 16:1-6 – King of Israel [Baasha] lays siege to Asa. Asa seeks the aid of the Syrian King Ben-hadad with silver and gold. With the help of Ben-hadad, the siege is broken.

2 Chronicles 16:7-8 – God sends Hanani the seer to tell Asa he had been foolish...



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2 Chronicles 16:9–10

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, **to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.** Herein **thou hast done foolishly**: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.



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2 Chronicles 16:12-13

And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

2 Chronicles 15:17

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Psalm 101:1-4

I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. **I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.** O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house **with a perfect heart.**

I will **set no wicked thing before mine eyes:** I **hate the work of them that turn aside;** it shall not cleave to me. A **froward heart shall depart from me:** I will **not know a wicked person.**



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1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, **that ye sin not**. And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ** the righteous:

Galatians 6:7–8

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he **that soweth to his flesh** shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he **that soweth to the Spirit** shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.



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1 John 2:5–6

But whoso keepeth his word, **in him verily is the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.



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Hebrews 2:10

For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation **perfect** through sufferings.

Hebrews 12:2 (YLT)

looking to the **author and perfecter** of faith-
Jesus, who, over-against the joy set before him-
did endure a cross, shame having despised, on
the right hand also of the throne of God did sit
down;

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Enjoy The Rest of the Sabbath!



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