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What is evidence of a perfect heart?

Faith.

- Acts 8:36-37, *“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”*
- Heb. 11:6, *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*
- Rom. 10:17, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*
- Rom. 14:23, *“... for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”*

Obedience.

- 1 Chron. 29:19, *“And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.”*
- 2 Thess. 1:8-9, *“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”*

Walking in truth.

- Isa. 38:2-3, *“Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.”*

- 3 John 1:4, *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”*
- John 17:17, *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*

Doing good.

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- James 2:17-18, *“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”*
- James 4:17, *“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”*

Wise behavior.

Psalms 101:2, *“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.”*

Fear of God.

- 2 Chron. 19:9, *“And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.”*
- 1 Pet. 2:17, *“Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.”*

Serving God.

- 1 Chron. 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.”*
- Heb. 12:28, *“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”*

Love.

- Col. 3:14, *“And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”*
- 1 Pet. 1:22, *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.”*
- Matt. 22:37, *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”*
- Matt. 22:39, *“And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”*

