

# Church Planting: Having God's Heart for the Work

**Preface:** Don't forget, the biblical model for you and I to follow with church planting / missions, involves you and I being \_\_\_\_\_ by a long unbroken line of those who were also sent.

**Acts 13:1-4a** Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. <sup>3</sup>And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away. <sup>4</sup>So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed

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**Main Point:** Having God's heart for church planting / missions is the most critical characteristic of a church planter.

**Proverbs 4:23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**Deuteronomy 4:9** Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

- I. You will face \_\_\_\_\_.

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**2 Corinthians 11:28** Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

What comes in to conflict the most is the idea that we can do this without having God's heart so long as other things are in place.

### **I Corinthians 13**

- II. Having God's heart for church planting is more critical than:
  - a. Being a great \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Being gifted in ministry and the word
  - c. Being \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Being giving
  - e. Being \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Being \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Being dead
  - h. Having grit
  - i. Having a warrior's mindset
  - j. Having faith and hope
  
- III. Having God's heart for church planting means you value the things he does \_\_\_\_\_:
  
- IV. A person fully given over to have God's heart for the work will overcome all adversity and do God's work.

**Acts 13:22** And when he had removed him, 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.