

EZRA 7:6-10 A Blessed Life

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#1 Ezra prepared His heart to seek the Lord

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What is involved in heart preparation?

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- **A Plan**

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- **A Plan**
- **Humility**

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Daniel 9:3-4

³ Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴ And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

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Nehemiah 1:5

⁵ And I said: “I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, *You* who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with those who love *You* and observe *Your* commandments

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Hezekiah –

¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: “O LORD God of Israel, *the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 2 Kings 19:15

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Jehoshaphat 2 Chronicles 20

“O LORD God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? ⁷ Are You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? ⁸ And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name,

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What is involved in heart preparation?

- **A Plan**
- **Humility**
- **Expectancy**

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#1 Ezra prepared His heart to seek the Lord

#2 Ezra applied God's word to his life.

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James 1:22-25 “ **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.**”

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#1 Ezra prepared His heart to seek the Lord

#2 Ezra applied God's word to his life.

#3 Ezra taught God's word to others