

Bible
A Woman After God's Own Heart

I. Course Description

This course is designed to help the student to gain an understanding of what is to become a woman after God's heart.

II. Instructional Materials

A. A Woman After God's Own Heart and A Woman After God's Own Heart - Growth and Study Guide by Elizabeth George. Published by Harvest House Publishers in 1997 and 2001 respectively.

III. Course Objectives

Part One: The Pursuit of God

Study what it is to have a heart devoted to God through Mary and Martha's examples.

1. Mary discerned the one thing needed
2. Mary chose the one thing needed
3. Choose God's ways at every opportunity
4. The saying "good, better, best"
5. Standing in awe of God
6. Commit yourself to God daily
7. Cultivate a "hot" heart

Enrich your walk through a heart abiding in God's Word, comparing your walk to a root system.

1. Roots are unseen
2. Roots are for taking in
3. Roots are for storage
4. Roots are for support
5. Developing the habit of drawing near to God
6. Design a personal time for drawing near to God
7. Dream of being a woman after God's heart

Develop a heart committed to prayer.

Prayer:

- Increases faith
- Provides a place to unload burdens
- Teaches us that God is always near
- Trains us not to panic
- Changes lives
- Trains greater purity
- Confidence in making decisions
- Improves relationships
- Increases contentment
- Increases God-confidence
- Introduces the ministry of prayer

Cultivate a heart that obeys.

- Two kinds of hearts
- Concentrate on doing what is right
- Cease doing what is wrong
- Confess any wrong
- Continue on as soon as possible

Part Two: The Pursuit of God's Priorities

Identify a heart that serves other
Called to serve

Distinguish a heart that submits to authority
The fact of submission
The decision to submit
The who of submission
The how of submission
The scope of submission
The strength of submit
The motive for submission

Learning how a heart loves
Heartfelt yet practical love
Pray
Plan

Further development of a heart that loves
Prepare
Pray

Learning of a heart that values being a mother
A passion for teaching God's Word
A passion for teaching God's wisdom

Learning of a heart that prays faithfully
A passion for prayer
A passion for Godly training

Developing a heart overflowing with motherly affection
A heart that prays
A heart that provides
A heart that is happy
A heart that gives
A heart of fun
A heart that celebrates
A heart that gives preferential treatment
A heart that is focused
A heart that is present
A heart that is quiet

Reproducing a heart that makes a house a home
The business of building

Developing a heart that watches over the home
Watching and working

Recognizing a heart that creates order from chaos
Responsibility and accountability
Twelve tips for time management

Employing a heart that weaves a tapestry of beauty
Beauty from busyness

Applying a heart strengthened by spiritual growth

- Spiritual growth: it begins in Jesus Christ
- Spiritual growth: the pursuit of knowledge
- Spiritual growth: stewardship of your body
- Spiritual growth: becoming like Jesus
- Spiritual growth: the gift of fellowship

Practicing a heart enriched by joy in the Lord

- Spiritual growth: aided by discipleship
- Spiritual growth: aided by goals
- Spiritual growth: depends on choices
- Spiritual growth: requires time
- Spiritual growth: results in ministry
- Spiritual growth: experiencing the joy of the Lord

Gaining a heart that shows it cares

- Reflecting on God's plan
- Learn to reach out
- Learn to look out
- Go to give
- Develop your prayer life

Creating a heart that encourages

- Take time to be filled
- Memorize scriptures of encouragement
- Make phone calls to encourage
- Write notes of encouragement
- Encourage others through three spiritual gifts (serving, mercy and giving)
- Live your priorities

Part Three: The Practice of God's Priorities

Developing a heart that seeks first things first

- A word about priorities
- A word about choices
- A word about others
- A word about waiting
- Some women who adjusted their priorities

Following after God's heart

- Plan your day
- Pray over your plans and priorities
- Schedule your plans and priorities
- Practice your priorities
- Acquire God's perspective on your day
- Practice, practice, practice

IV. Course Objectives

A. First Semester

1. Chapters 1-11
2. Mid-term exam

B. Second Semester

1. Chapters 12-22
2. Final exam

V. Teaching Methods

- A. Participation in Bible study group
- B. Exercises in growth and study guide

VI. Evaluation

A. Components

1. Participation
2. Exercises
3. Mid-term
4. Final

B. Scale

90-100	= A
80-89	= B
70-79	= C
60-79	= D