

The Key To Unlock A Heart

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Intro

•Premise

- Deep down inside, fathers desire to give good gift to children
- Luke 11:11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead.... If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children...”

•Mark 6:22

- Time of John the Baptist
- King Herod married his brother's wife, Herodias
- John said it was wrong

”The king said to the girl, ”Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

Intro

- **Premise expanded**

- Man (even king) desires to give good gifts to wife

- **Esther 5:3 – after extending the scepter**

- “Then the king asked, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you.”

- **Premise expanded even more**

- Not just man/father

- Luke 12:32 “Your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

- **Bible talks about the key to a man’s heart**

- Such that he’d be willing to give up to 1/2 kingdom

- To God’s heart, He’d be willing to give up His kingdom

Giving Heart

- As a child or as a wife (before God or before man)

- Do we not want to know what that key is?

- Imagine:

- * Coming into a husband presence & Husband saying
“Anything you want honey” (i.e. Philippines, HK, etc.)

- Imagine:

- Coming into God’s presence & God saying “Anything you want, I will give it to you.”

- Some may think this is selfish

- But the Bible says that it pleases God to give..

- Like a loving father (husband) desires to give..

- Bible did not just tell us that it’s what a father/man/God desires to give

- Did not leave us hanging

- Bible gives us the key for unlocking that giving heart

What is the Key?

- **Clue: What happened before they offer ½ kingdom**

- **Mark 6:22**

- “When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests...

- Wait a minute! Is the key dancing?

- **Esther 5:2**

- “When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand...”

- Key must be her beauty!

- Queen Vashti

- What is the key?

The Key: 3 step approach

1Jn 3:21-22

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•**Step 1 – The approach (Hearts do not condemn us)**

-Ps 66:18 Iniquity (Sin) in our heart, God will not listen

-James 4:3

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

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And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

- Approach step 2 (obey) with pure heart
- Step 2 – Obey His commands
 - Believe in His Son
 - Begins about relationship
 - President
 - John 3:16
 - Love one another
 - Baptized into Christ Body (Eph 2:19, 1Cor 12, Jn 1:12)
 - Called us to go deeper (beyond the surface)
 - More issue & healings

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- **Step 3 – Do what pleases him.**
 - Above & beyond obeying commands
 - Have to vs. want to
 - Not just a one time thing
 - Esther (at king's court after 30 days)
- **This is too good to be true.**
- **I don't think He would give me whatever I ask**

Where is this Truth?

- **Story of wealthy art's collector**
 - Already given us His son...
 - How much more is He willing to give us ...
 - If we with a pure heart
 - Obey &
 - Do those things that please Him
- **Same key to a father's heart**
- **You hold the key**
- **Unlock it**

Prayer

- **What spoke to you about the message today?**
- **Pray blessings for one another.**

