Ezra’s Excellent Example
Ezra 7:10

Introduction:
A. The value of Old Testament examples (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11)
B. Judah’s return from Babylon.
   1. First wave under Zebrubabel
   2. Second wave under Ezra.
C. Ezra’s four qualifications in our text:

Discussion:

I. A Prepared Heart
A. Soil preparation
B. Importance of prepared heart (Jas. 1:21; 1 Cor. 3:1-3)
   1. To study and learn
   2. To receive
   3. To worship
   4. To serve

II. A Heart to Seek God’s Law.
A. Seekers rewarded (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 7:7)
B. Cornelius (Acts 10:33)
C. The Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-38)
D. The Bereans (Acts 17:11-12)
E. Love and seek (2 Thess. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:3-4)

III. A Heart to Obey God’s Law
A. Obedience from heart (Rom. 6:17, 18)
B. Importance of obedience.
   1. 1 Sam. 5:22
   2. Heb. 5:8,9
   3. 2 Thess. 1:8
   4. 2 Cor. 10:5,6
   6. 1 Pet. 1:22
C. Complete obedience.
   1. Matt. 28:20
   2. 1 Sam 15:3, 8-9, 13

IV. A Heart to Teach God’s Law
A. 2 Tim. 2:2.
B. Expect to teach in time (Heb. 5:12).
C. Unable to preach sermon or teach class?
   1. Turn and read.
   2. Bring and introduce
   3. Distribute literature.

Conclusion:
A. Is your heart prepared to seek, obey and teach?
B. Why not obey from the heart today?

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