The Heart of Ezra
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 Zechariah
   2. Second wave under Ezra.
C. Ezra prepared his heart for his great task of being Judah’s spiritual leader.
   1. It is important to prepare heart to receive God’s word (Jas. 1:21)
   2. It is important to prepare heart to stand on God’s word (Eph. 6:13-14)
D. Ezra’s three qualifications for his great task in our text:

Discussion:
I. A Heart Prepared to Seek God’s Law.
   A. Seekers rewarded (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 7:7)
      2. The Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-38)
      3. The Bereans (Acts 17:11-12)
   B. Love and seek (2 Thess. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:3.4)

II. A Heart Prepared 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
   A. Complete obedience.
      1. Matt. 28:20
      2. 1 Sam 15:3, 8-9, 13

III. A Heart Prepared 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?