

Anatomy of a Christian

Have you ever stopped to think about what the Bible teaches concerning the “anatomy” of one who serves God? A Christian is to possess:

Prayerful Knees (Dan. 6:10) – “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.” More Christians need to have knees like Daniel – kneeling in prayer before our Almighty God (1 Thess. 5:17).

Serving Hands (Mk. 10:45) – “Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Jesus, both by His words and His actions, challenges every Christian to a life of self-sacrificial service on behalf of others.

Beautiful Feet (Rom. 10:15) – “It is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!’” When Christians share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others, the Bible says their message is powerful, and their feet are beautiful (cf. Rom. 1:16).

Forgiving Arms (Eph. 4:32) – “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Too many people have their fingers pointed in accusation when they should rather have their arms outstretched in forgiveness. With arms outstretched on the cross itself, the Lord prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Receptive Ears (Acts 17:11) – “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” God has promised to bless those who have ears that eagerly receive His word (John 8:31-32).

Pure Heart (Matt. 5:8) – “Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.” Jesus emphasizes that a Christian is not just known by his words and deeds, but by the condition of his heart. God sees the heart of man, and His judgments are based in large part on what He finds there (1 Samuel 16:7).

Faithful Eyes (Job 31:1) – “I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?” Job knew that it was wrong to look lustfully at a person who is not one’s husband or wife (Matt. 5:28). More Christians need to commit themselves to establishing faithful eyes.

Christlike Mind (Phil. 2:5) – “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” Spiritual warfare is waged in a Christian’s thoughts and attitudes as much as it is in his actions (cf. 2 Cor. 10:4-5). Jesus possessed a mind of humility and compassion that counted the needs of others above His own well being (cf. Phil. 2:6-9).

Gracious Tongue (Col. 4:6) – “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” James said that every word that men speak is either helpful or harmful (James 3:9-12). More ominously, Jesus said that every word will be accounted for in judgment (Matt. 12:36). May every Christian’s tongue be grace-filled!

Thirsty Soul (Psalm 63:1) – “O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul

thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.”
One Bible student rightly remarked that, “Our souls are restless until they find rest in Him.” A Christian acknowledges his constant thirst for God: “As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God” (Psalm 42:1).

How does your heart and life compare with the things God says are important? **--JB**