



Colonial Beach
BAPTIST CHURCH
A Lighthouse for God

Measurements of the Heart

*“The building beside the north inner gate is for the priests who supervise the Temple maintenance.
The building beside the south inner gate is for the priests in charge of the altar --
the descendants of Zadok -- for they alone of all the Levites
may approach the LORD to minister to him.”
(Ezekiel 40:45-46 NLT)*

Measurements of an ideal Temple --
windows, rooms, walls, gateways, alcoves, columns -- may confuse you.
Details of Ezekiel's vision may puzzle you --
it would be difficult for you to draw a blueprint of this Temple complex.
You say mathematics is not your strong suit...how about *ministry*?
When I measure you, I don't size you up by outward appearance or height --
I look at your thoughts and intentions...I measure the heart.

Do you measure up to My uncompromisingly holy standards?

Your heart is the temple of My Holy Spirit -- can I feel at home there?
Are all the rooms of your personality under My mastery?
Is the kitchen of your appetites self-restrained?
Your living room a place where we can have intimate conversations?

Is your mind high enough to rise above the fray and see the big picture?

When there are clashes with those who walk the way with you,
are you big enough to leave the small stuff in My hands?
Are the windows of your soul clean enough to see My bright future?
Are they open to receive My refreshing Spirit Wind?

Is your self-image low enough to associate with ordinary people?

Is your head swelled so large you actually think you're better than others?
Is your world so egotistical you can't listen to any one else's interests?
Is it hard for you to tolerate those not measuring up to your standards?

Is your ivory tower so tall you can't even see those who are beneath you?

Does conceit shrink your compassion for those you rank as inferior?
Does arrogance keep you from practicing Christlike downward mobility?

Is the temple of your heart wide enough to take in all kinds of people?

Is the courtyard paved with kindness?
Is the foyer hospitable and cordial to everyone who approaches you?
Are you following the example set by My Son -- living a life of love?

Is your faith long enough to complete life's marathon?

Are you tempted to drop out of the race and take moral detours?
Are you committed to follow Jesus all the way, though none go with you?



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