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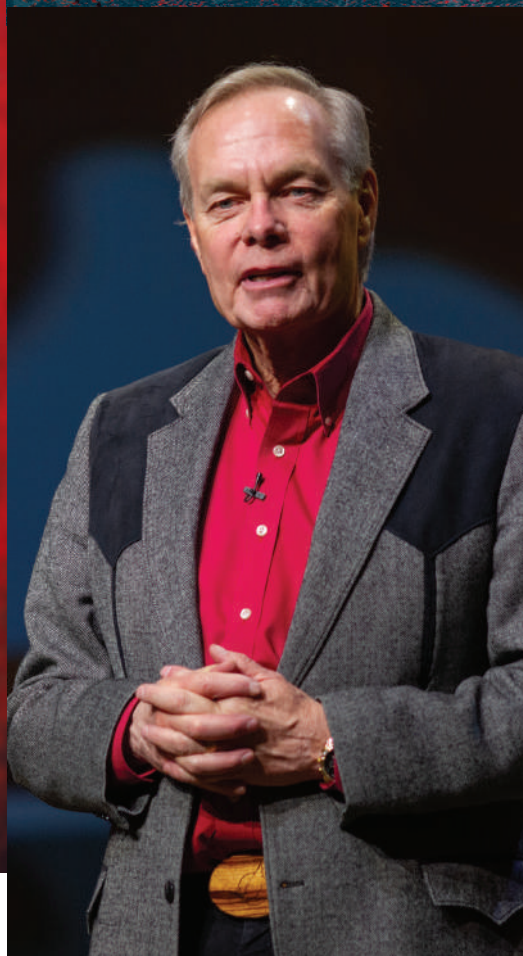
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Praise God, we've got power over sin and temptation! Although we have the victory, not everyone walks in it. Do you ever wonder how Christians who love the Lord can end up failing when temptation comes along? One of the main reasons is that they haven't prepared their hearts.

Most people don't intentionally decide they're not going to serve God anymore and just walk away from Him. They have good intentions. They want to live for God. The problem is they haven't prepared in advance to face the troubles of this world.

You have to establish your heart so that you won't cave in when problems come your way. I've travelled and ministered for decades. Many times, I've met people who are excited about the Lord, but they're just shallow. They're a mile wide and an inch deep. There's no assurance that later on down the road, they'll still be serving the Lord.

However, I've also met people who have established their hearts. They've prepared their hearts to such a degree that it doesn't matter if somebody close to them dies, or if they have financial setbacks, or any other problems arise. No matter what, they're still serving the Lord.

There's a reason why some people don't have that stability in their lives, and it's not because they don't love God. It's because they haven't prepared their hearts.

We can look to the Old Testament to learn more about preparing our hearts. Everything in the Old Testament has been recorded for our learning. From the example of Rehoboam, the son of Solomon and the grandson of David, we learn the consequences of failing to prepare our hearts. Second Chronicles 12:14 says:

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.

The word "prepare" refers to what you do in advance. Rehoboam didn't commit himself in advance to being focused on God, and as a consequence, he did evil.

Saul is another example of someone who failed to prepare his heart. He started out sensitive to God and had the anointing of God upon him. But he had an inferiority complex and worried about what people thought of him. He wanted to please everybody. As a result, he wound up turning against God and doing terrible things, such as trying to kill David.

God totally rejected Saul and gave the kingdom to David. David started out so good and spent the first couple of decades of his kingship just seeking God with his whole heart. But David also fell away from the Lord by sinning with Bathsheba and committing murder to try to cover up his adultery. However, David repented and humbled himself, so God restored him, and he was able to recover. Sad to say, most of the people in the Old Testament who turned away from the Lord didn't recover. They didn't prepare their hearts, and when they got off track, they never got back.

So what can you do to commit yourself in advance and prepare your heart? Humbling yourself is one of the most important aspects of preparing your heart. Being humble means becoming God-dependent and God-focused. Psalm 10:4 tells us that not having God in all your thoughts is prideful and wicked. That's a big statement.

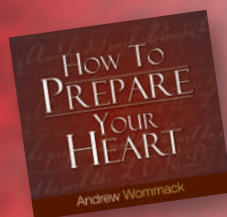
I don't think any of us keep God in all our thoughts perfectly, but the vast majority of Christians don't even have this as a goal. The average Christian has a little bit of their life that they section off for God, like Sunday mornings or a daily devotion, but they don't stay focused on the Lord on an ongoing basis.

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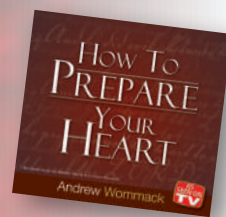
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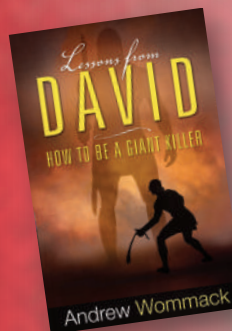


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How to Prepare Your Heart Package

Preparing your heart is one of the most important things you can do in your Christian walk. When your heart is prepared, you won't cave in to the pressures and temptations of this world. Let Andrew show you how to commit your heart in advance through his teaching, *How to Prepare Your Heart*.

This teaching is available as part of a special package that includes your choice of either the *How to Prepare Your Heart* CD or DVD album along with both the *Lessons from David* book and the *Lessons from Elijah* book.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Paul said to “pray without ceasing.” I believe one of the ways we can pray without ceasing is to stay in an attitude of prayer. I don’t do this perfectly, but one of my goals is to be in constant communion with the Lord. Take for example an activity like watching television. If I feel like something I’m watching isn’t pleasing to the Lord, I quit watching it. To be humble, we need to try to be God-focused throughout the day.

Another thing we can do to prepare our hearts is to make good use of our imaginations. Isaiah 26:3 says:

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

The word “mind” comes from the Hebrew word *yester*. It means “conception” and it was translated “imagination” a number of times in the Old Testament (*Strong’s Concordance*). So I believe I’m accurate in saying that your imagination is where you conceive things. Keeping your heart right with God is not something that just happens in a vacuum. It’s something that you have to conceive, and it starts in your imagination.

To prepare your heart against the troubles of this life, you have to use your imagination and see yourself as a new creation. You have to think, *I don’t live like this anymore. I don’t steal, I don’t lie, I don’t cheat, I don’t operate in anger*, and so on.

With all the crazy things we hear about in the world today—the riots, the hatred, the strife, wanting to defund the police—you may wonder how people could think like this. What happens is that people fail to recognise we’re in a battle. People fail to prepare for the battle, and because of that Satan is going to come against every single person. He’s going to try to steal away the Word that’s been sown in your heart (Matt. 13:19).

I wish I had more space to share on how to prepare your heart. Using your imagination and humbling yourself are important aspects of preparing your heart, but there’s a lot more to understand. I encourage you to get my complete teaching on this topic. I’m offering the *How to Prepare Your Heart* albums on CD or DVD, along with teachings on David and Elijah

that will amplify these same truths to you. I promise these teachings will be a big help to you. To order, go to **awme.net**, call our UK Helpline on **+44 (0)1922 473300**, or complete and return the enclosed form.

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Lucas Family Destiny Story

Bringing the Freedom of Jesus to All Nations

Before Sarah and Jason Lucas were able to follow God's call to bring the Gospel to the Wind River Indian Reservation, they needed to prepare their hearts to receive His love.

As a child, Sarah spent seven years on the Wind River Indian Reservation as a missionary with her family. But over time, her father's heart hardened toward the Lord until one day, he had enough. He packed up his family and left the reservation.

For many years, Sarah was convinced that the reservation had torn her family apart. She eventually met and married Jason and the couple learned about Andrew Wommack through their local church in Indiana. They went on a few short-term mission trips and felt stirred to enter into full-time missions. Sarah knew they would need preparation, so she enrolled in Charis Bible College, where she finally received healing from the wounds of her past.

"Literally, Charis Bible College was where all that cleansing took place through the Word of God," Sarah says. "In my first year, one of the speakers began to speak at Charis, and I just saw at that moment that I was not trusting in God's abiding love for my life, that I was still walking in fear."

After finding freedom from the pain of her past, Sarah realised God was calling her family to the place she never thought she would see again: the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Upon reaching the reservation, the Lucas family faced many obstacles. The Native Americans of the reservation have been taught that their culture cannot overlap with Christianity, and many still believe that the message of Jesus is to dismantle their culture so they could be like the white man.

Sarah fondly says, "They were never taught that He wants them, and He created them and their culture and their dialect. Because when you teach that, like who Jesus is and what He's done for them, it actually opens their heart."

As the hearts of the Native Americans have begun to change, Jason and

Sarah have been able to raise up the youth of the reservation in the love of Jesus Christ. They believe that showing them the love and freedom of Jesus, while still celebrating who they are in their native culture, will allow them to be world-changers when they grow up.

But that isn't the only way the Lucas family is looking to extend their reach: God has supernaturally provided them with American deeded land on the reservation, and they are looking to build their church and a recreation centre on it.

The Native Americans are not the only ones seeing their relationship with God deepen—Sarah's mother also found redemption and healing and has returned to the reservation to help her daughter and son-in-law's ministry. Sarah says, "My mom never wanted to leave this place...It's just how God redeems broken things and makes them beautiful again."

To the partners of Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College, the Lucas family says a heartfelt thank you. Because of your support, they were able to attend Charis and find God's amazing calling for them, and now the Native Americans of the Wind River Reservation are finding freedom in Jesus Christ.



WOMEN ARISE

Thriving in the Vine

John 15:1-8



Audrey Mack



Karen Conrad



Sue Nutman



Tracey Asia

Preparing for God's Vision

Ladies, we have a conference just for you!

We are created to live in the likeness of God with a special purpose, but sometimes our calling gets overshadowed by our responsibilities and daily tasks. Don't let God's vision for you get pushed to the wayside. Taking place 5th - 7th November at Charis Bible College - Colorado, the 2020 Women Arise Conference will allow you to refill and refresh your spirit. Be empowered to thrive in the Vine by preparing to live out the vision God has for your life.

Tracey Asia, ordained minister, Executive Assistant to the Director of the Worship Arts School at Charis Bible College, and one of the conference speakers explains that vision is closely connected to our faith. "Vision is the capacity to believe what you cannot see and prepare and plan anyway. Preparation is the proof of belief. You do not believe in a vision until you begin to prepare for it. Preparation is the highest act of *faith*," says Tracey. This conference is to fortify women of Christ in identity and authority. It will empower you to go about preparing the way to live out the vision that God has given.

Another one of the conference's speakers, Sue Nutman, founder of *Roots and Wings Ministries International*, believes the conference will be an encouraging event. Sue says, "It will be an environment full of love and empowerment. We are here to serve women like a 'Holy Spirit spa retreat.' We sometimes forget we are daughters of our Heavenly Father. Once we truly understand how much our Heavenly Father loves us, we can go deeper into that relationship with Him. I would

encourage all women to attend, not just Christian women. Everyone needs to be able to connect to the Father's Heart."

In addition to growing in relationship with God, the conference also gives women the chance to fellowship with other women. Tracey says, "Attendees can expect to be shown God's love by other women of God. This event is completely for all women to be refreshed, renewed, and recharged in the things of God!"

Come to Women Arise and be emboldened through inspiring messages from Tracey and Sue, as well as Audrey Mack and Karen Conrad. The conference also includes equipping workshops with Carrie Pickett, Julieanne Harris, Sharon Wick, and Sharon Rich. Additionally, you'll experience anointed worship and have time to fellowship with other women.

Discover the depth of the vision God has for you at the 2020 Women Arise Conference! To register or for more information, go to **WomenAriseConference.com** or call **+1 719-635-1111**. To learn more about the attractions in the Pikes Peak region, go to **VisitCOS.com**.



AWMPACT: *Shepherding God's Sheep—The Job of a Pastor*

Shepherding God's sheep is no small task, and having a heart for God's people is only part of the job of a pastor. From discipleship and labouring in the Word to helping church members to reach their full potential—pastors have their work cut out for them. Fortunately, the Association of Related Ministries International (A.R.M.I.), an extension of Andrew Wommack Ministries, provides the support, relationships, and resources to help.

"Our job is to equip you to do the work of the ministry."

— Dennis and Denise Capra

Dennis and Denise Capra—pastors of Faith Ministries Community Church in the Kansas City area, and executive regional advocates with A.R.M.I.—work as a team in ministry. As executive regional advocates, they help to plan and implement global strategies for the continued growth and development of A.R.M.I. in keeping with the mission and vision of AWM and Charis Bible College.

Through discipleship, the Capras have trained up ministers who visit the sick, counsel others, plant churches, and reach out to the nations. They appreciate the support of A.R.M.I. and enjoy what God has called them to do because they are not doing it alone.

"We pray all the time: Lord, give us the shepherd's heart that Jesus had."

— Van and Regina Smith

Pastors of The Solid Rock of Atlanta, Van and Regina Smith are the founders of the Continuing Education for Ministers Scholarship Program, which is a benefit to qualifying A.R.M.I. members.

Daily, Van and Regina ask the Lord to show them the needs of the people in their church. They believe that the most important thing as pastors is to help others reach their potential and destiny. They are pastors, not to bolster their own careers but to serve and to be shepherds. A.R.M.I. helps them be the best shepherds they can be.

"The way I worked hard when I worked in a warehouse or a factory, I need to work just as hard labouring in the Word of God."

— Chris Barhorst

Chris Barhorst, pastor of True Life Church in Greenville, Ohio, is also an executive regional advocate of A.R.M.I. He spends most of his time in the Word, constantly preparing new messages. Additionally, he provides counsel, visits the sick, and follows up with members of the church. As an executive regional advocate of A.R.M.I., he can take what he has learned in ministry and help support other ministers.

Having a sure foundation in the Word and relationship with peers in ministry is important as a pastor. Because of AWM and A.R.M.I., these pastors have access to both. Thank you, partners. Your giving is helping pastors share the grace message with congregations worldwide.

If you would like to establish relationships with other ministers in your area and receive support in fulfilling your calling, visit **ARMI-Member.org** and become an A.R.M.I. member today!

Note: Testimonies have been edited for length and clarity.

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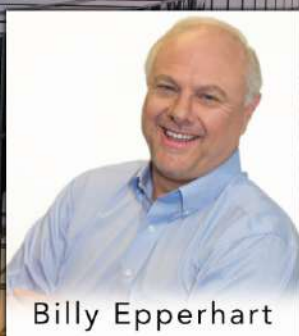
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