



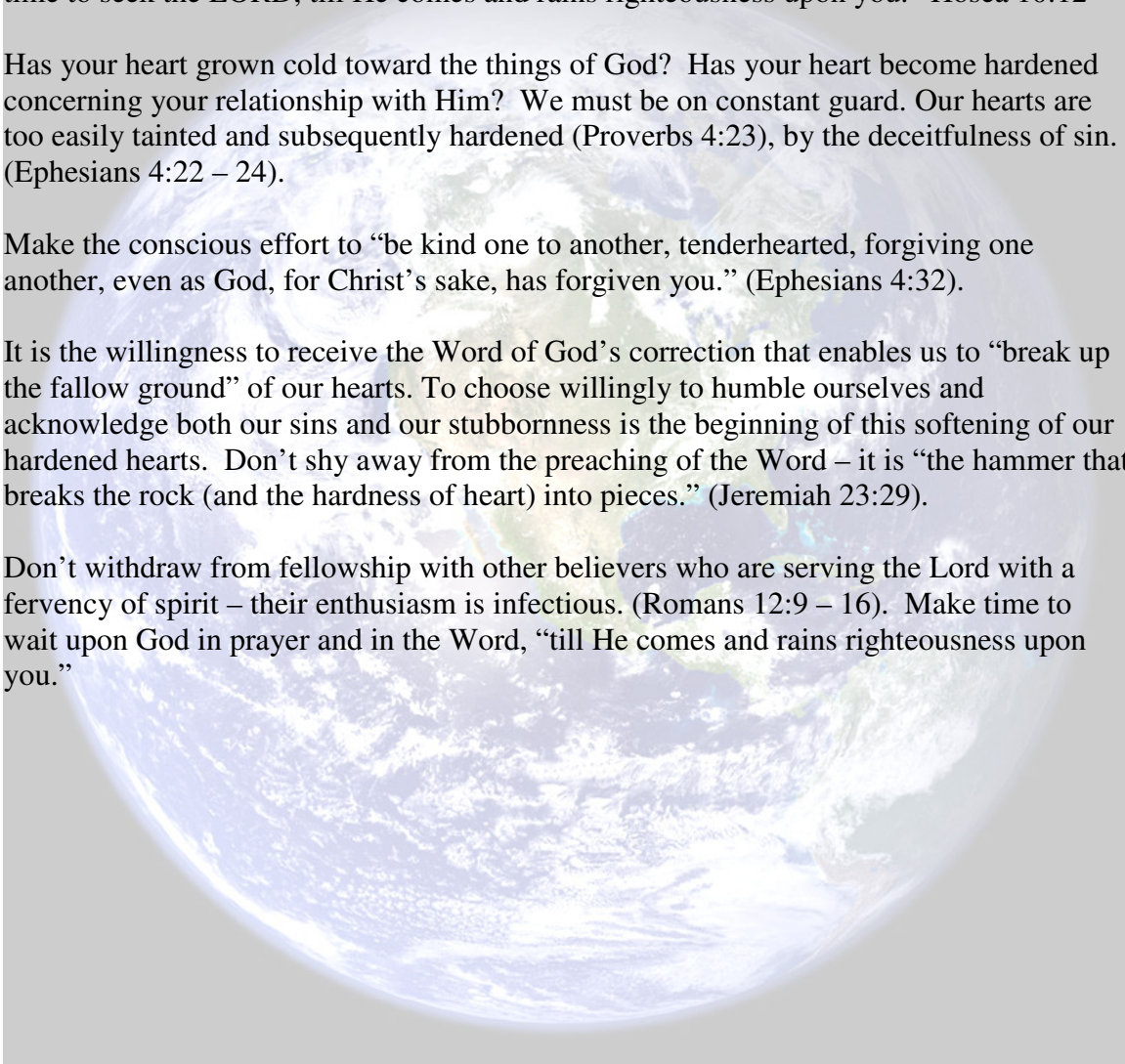
“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, till He comes and rains righteousness upon you.” Hosea 10:12

Has your heart grown cold toward the things of God? Has your heart become hardened concerning your relationship with Him? We must be on constant guard. Our hearts are too easily tainted and subsequently hardened (Proverbs 4:23), by the deceitfulness of sin. (Ephesians 4:22 – 24).

Make the conscious effort to “be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ’s sake, has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32).

It is the willingness to receive the Word of God’s correction that enables us to “break up the fallow ground” of our hearts. To choose willingly to humble ourselves and acknowledge both our sins and our stubbornness is the beginning of this softening of our hardened hearts. Don’t shy away from the preaching of the Word – it is “the hammer that breaks the rock (and the hardness of heart) into pieces.” (Jeremiah 23:29).

Don’t withdraw from fellowship with other believers who are serving the Lord with a fervency of spirit – their enthusiasm is infectious. (Romans 12:9 – 16). Make time to wait upon God in prayer and in the Word, “till He comes and rains righteousness upon you.”



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