

# Needed—A Tender Heart

2 Chronicles 34:27 | Page 386 in the Church Bibles

“As water, when it begins to freeze, will not endure anything, no not so much as the weight of a pin upon it, but after a while will bear the weight of a cart; even so at the beginning, the heart being tender, trembles at the least sin, and will not bear with even one; but when it once gives way to sins against conscience, it becomes so frozen that it can endure any sin, and so becomes more and more hard.”

–Richard Sibbes

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3. Plead with God to create a tender heart in you.

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2. A tender heart is also determined to pursue in a positive, purposeful way the worship of God in Spirit and in truth.

The Means by which  
Tenderness of Heart is  
Cultivated  
(verses 14-33)

“Those who seek God are rewarded by  
God in the pages of this book.”

–Mike Bullmore

You prize being pierced by the Word of God.

“The child of God has not total and final hardness of heart, but has a sensibleness of it—he feels and sees it. Total hardness doesn’t feel anything—but a Christian that has hardness of heart does feel that he has it, as a man that has the stone in his bladder feels and knows that he has a stone ....”

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