

“I’M NOT BUDGING!”

EXODUS 10:1-20

If the heart of the matter is the matter of the heart, how are you doing in addressing it? Are you settling for Band aids and coping devices in the short term or willing to endure some radical surgery for long-term fruit? Your heart is a key to spiritual growth! Are you checking it regularly?

THE SIGNS OF UNREPENTANCE

① _____ (10:3-6)

Moses’ description of Pharaoh is insightful.

1. *Refuse* is an intensive verb and clearly conveys the _____ of his choice

2. *Humble* is a reflexive verb and clearly conveys the _____ of his choice

“ _____ ” is his life motto

② _____ (10:7)

He has believed a world of lies, which isn’t surprising when we consider who stands at the forefront of that deception (John 8:44; 1 John 5:19).

Moving away from God and truth, we thus move toward _____.

The servants point to a slippery slope before Pharaoh: from one man to one nation in their country to their entire nation of people!

③ _____ (10:8)

It’s an affliction, a virus that plays no favorites and actually attaches itself to all of us.

Life affords numerous opportunities to _____ what we do not _____.

④ _____ (10:9-11)

It is so destructive and damaging, yet it is so widely excused.

It tracks to a heart that is wrapped in self and entitlement and _____ and desires one’s own kingdom come.

⑤ _____ (10:12-17)

What’s the ulterior motive for his request? _____!

God, not blind to the condition of man’s heart, nevertheless extends still more _____ to this heathen dictator as the passage continues

CONCLUSION

Perhaps among the hard-hearted around you, your kindness, compassion, and concern seem to find no entry point. How should you respond? From the example in this passage, with godly _____ and _____.

Is it possible that you yourself occasionally evidence any of these signs? And yet God continues to stand by your side and walk with you, even when your aroma isn’t quite so pleasant!