



A WILLING HEART

(Enter two women of the Nominating Committee. The chairman is carrying a clipboard or notebook and pen.)

Chairman: Oh, I'm so glad we made it to this gathering of women. As the chairman of the Nominating Committee, I need to find a whole bunch of candidates for the next election, and I just know that I'll find lots of them here.

Committee Member: Yes, there are many nice-looking women here. Look how stylish some of them are with their clothes and matching shoes.

Chairman: Oh? *(Looking around)*

Committee Member: Look over there *(pointing)*. She has such a neat hairstyle and her lipstick even matches her nail polish. How about those younger ladies over there? I imagine they would have lots of new ideas.

Chairman: I don't know if their age or appearance is so important. God tells us, *Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.* 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

Committee Member: Well, that works for God, but how can we see their hearts?

(Enter three ladies holding large hearts—BRAVE, STRONG, BIG)

Committee Member: Look! We can see their hearts! It's like they are wearing their hearts on their sleeves.

Chairman: I think we should talk to them. Hi, I see that you have a heart that's BRAVE.

BRAVE: Oh, yes. I'm so brave that I'm never afraid to get up and tell people what to do or where to go. I could even jump in front of oncoming danger if I had to.

Chairman: Oh, I see *(taking notes)*.

Committee Member: *(Hesitantly)* That could be a great heart for a leader -- maybe good at crisis management.

Chairman: *(Looks to next person)* How about you?

STRONG: Well, as you can see, I've got a strong heart. I don't faint over the littlest bit of stress. I just keep going and going and going. You know, I don't miss a beat.

Committee Member: Well, a leader does need endurance.

Chairman: *(Writing)* Uh-huh.

BIG: And people just love me. They say I've got a big heart. I love fund-raisers and giving 'till it hurts -- I mean, 'till it feels great! And I love group hugs!! *(Tries to put arms around chairman and committee member in hug.)*

Chairman: Another good quality for a leader -- I suppose? *(Said in a questioning manner, writing).*

(Enter more women carrying hearts. BRAVE, STRONG and BIG rush over and stand in front of WILLING.)

Committee Member: Oh, look. We can see some more hearts coming this way.

Chairman: These look interesting. *(Reads names and tries to write.)* DISCERNING, TRUSTING, SINCERE, PURE, CONTRITE, WISE, STEADFAST, NOBLE and GOOD. Wow!

Committee Member: They all look like wonderful hearts for the leaders that we're looking for. Let's meet them. Trusting. *(Says each name, then they read their passage.)*

TRUSTING: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5 NIV

PURE: *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* Psalm 51:10 NIV

CONTRITE: *...a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.* Psalm 51:17b NIV

DISCERNING: *So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.* 1 Kings 3:9 NIV

WISE: *Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.* Ecclesiastes 8:5 NIV

SINCERE: *...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* Hebrews 10:22 NIV

STEADFAST: *He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.* Psalm 112:7 NIV

NOBLE/GOOD: *But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.* Luke 8:15 NIV

Committee Member: Wow! This is fantastic. Did you get all those?

Chairman: Yes, but isn't there one more back there? (*Pointing behind BRAVE, STRONG, BIG*). Who's back there?

BRAVE: Oh, just some little heart we hardly even know.

STRONG: She hardly comes to anything. It's the first time I've ever seen her around.

Chairman: Well, stand aside. We'd like to meet her. (*BRAVE, STRONG and BIG move to reveal WILLING standing alone, holding a small heart.*)

Committee Member: (*Reads*) WILLING HEART. What do you have to say?

WILLING: *...acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.* 1 Chronicles 28:9 NIV

Chairman: Yes, that's all God ever asks of any of us -- a willing heart, ready and willing to serve whenever and wherever He has need of us.

Committee Member: (*Pointing to all the hearts*) All these hearts are wonderful and will make great servant leaders too, if they come with willing hearts.

Chairman: Yes. It is great to see everyone here bringing their hearts to the Lord. I think we have a great start on our list of candidates. But maybe we'll get a chance to talk to more of you later. (*Pointing to audience*)

Committee Member: Or, bring your willing hearts to us. We'd love to hear from you.

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