

Sunday Morning
January 4, 2015
ETERNITY
— **IN MY HEART** —
GOD-CENTERED
CHOICES OF THE HEART

I KINGS 8:56-61

INSIGHT: Tracking with God is not living emotionally high.

INSIGHT: The validity of my walk with God is not how high I jump in worship but how straight I walk in the world.

INSIGHT: The shortest path to a frustrated on-again/off-again Christian life is to make it an emotional journey. What you seek is a life of intimacy with God not emotional euphoria.

INSIGHT: A relationship with God, like a marriage, cannot survive on emotions.

I. UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE.

INSIGHT: If you want your life tracking with God it's a matter of your heart turning to God.

II. HEART MATTERS

Two meanings for "heart" in God's Word:

1. Physically it's a masterpiece of creation.
2. Spiritually it is the rudder that determines the outcome of our earthly lives.

INSIGHT: In 1 and 2 Kings their hearts marked the center of their will where thoughts and actions were birthed.

III. CONNECTING WITH GOD

QUESTION: How does someone consistently track with God? Answer: 2 KINGS 23:1-3, 25

1. He returned to the centrality of God's Word in his life.
2. He returned to reading the Word.
3. He restored obedience to the Word as a way of life.

INVITATION:

Five questions to locate your heart:

1. What attitude do you need to change?
2. What do you need to stop doing?
3. What do you need to start doing in 2015?
4. What things have you rejected because you didn't like them that you need to accept?
5. What relationships do you need to work on?