

sermon

discussion guide

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“Part Hearted”

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2 Chronicles 25:1-15

Opening Prayer:

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven, Amen. ([Prayers for Illumination](#))

Discussion Starter:

What do you think it means to be rich? Are there different ways to be considered rich?

Sermon Summary:

Review the sermon series as a group.

- *What key points or ideas from this week’s sermon stood out to you?*
- *How did the Spirit stir you to action or change?*
- *What other Scripture passages came to mind during the sermon and why?*
 - **Other passages referenced:** 2 Kings 14:3; Proverbs 19:3

Key sermon points:

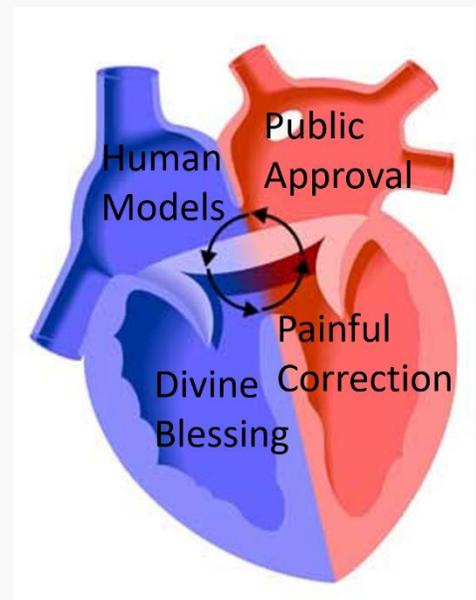
- *Amaziah was PART HEARTED. There seem to be 4 chambers to Amaziah’s heart:*

1. Human Models

- *When we follow human models completely, we can’t follow God whole heartedly.*
 - *Who are some human models you have followed? What good has come from their example? Have you picked up any negative aspects of their lives?*

2. Public Approval

- *We become like the people we like, and we begin to like what they like because we want to be liked by them.*
 - *Share about a time you began to like something because you wanted the approval of someone else. What was the long-term outcome of this decision to seek the approval of someone else?*



3. Divine Blessing

- *When we only ask God to bless what we have already decided to do, he has become our servant rather than our King.*
 - *How do you seek God's leading and guidance? In what situations do you tend to make decisions and then ask for God's blessing instead of waiting on God's direction?*

4. Painful Correction

- *When we refuse the correction God gives, we reject the medicine He offers.*
 - *Share of a time when your actions led to painful correction. How do we receive the correction of God well?*

• *The 4 healthy chambers of the Whole Hearted*

1. *Human Models → Discipleship*
2. *Public Approval → Hope*
3. *Divine Blessing → Faith*
4. *Painful Correction → Love*

Next Steps:

- *Am I PART HEARTED?*
- *The reason Amaziah was part hearted may have been because he was wounded. We can't love God with our whole heart if our heart is wounded.*
 - *Spend some time this week letting God explore your heart and listen for places that may be wounded.*
 - *Are there wounds that God needs to heal so that you can be whole hearted?*
 - *Share these wounds with someone and let them pray with you.*

Prayer:

Spend some time sharing ways you can pray for each other. Pray about how you will respond to the sermon.