

I. King Jehoshaphat

II Kings 13:11 “He did evil in the eyes of the Lord.”

Through the _____, God did provide guidance and protection to the people of Israel during this time.

First, King Jehoshaphat is told to shoot an arrow out the east window.

And, this arrow symbolizes _____ against their enemies to the east. (Aram)

Then King Jehoshaphat is told to take the rest of the arrows and to strike the ground with them. (representing his responsibility).

Jehoshaphat was only putting in a half-hearted effort here. He was not fully _____. He did not fully trust or fully _____. And, therefore, the victory would also be “half-hearted”.

II. Am I Half-Hearted in My Spiritual Life?

The devotional on this Bible story helped me to see that how we pray for others also matters. Jesus doesn't tell us just to pray, but to pray _____ and _____.

- _____ is a major theme that we find all throughout the Bible. I think the most obvious example would be in the greatest commandment: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and with all your strength.”

II Chronicles 16:9 ... God is _____ the _____ to find those with fully committed hearts. So, now think about how we can apply this idea to an area of our spiritual lives as we start off in 2026....

III. Sharing Some Specific Growth Areas

- A second area where God has specifically been challenging me to be more whole-hearted is in the area of _____.

(Hebrews 12:28 “worship with reverence and _____”.)

- A third specific area where God has been challenging me is to be more whole-hearted regarding the activity of the _____ in my life.

Luke 11:13 “How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask *and* continue to ask Him!” (AMP)

Conclusion:

How much do we want God's _____ in our lives? Do we want it half-heartedly? Or, are we going to love God with ALL our hearts?

Questions for Further Reflection or Discussion:

- 1) What is a specific area of your life where God is challenging you to be more “whole-hearted”?
- 2) What would be another Bible story where you see God challenging people to be more fully committed to Him?

Prayer Emphasis Sunday:

Write down the names a few people to go on your intercessory prayer list that you will strive to persistently and boldly pray for...