

Ezra: Returning, Rebuilding, and Restoring
Part 3- When God Moves Your Heart
Chapter 1

A. Grace: God taking the ongoing _____
in our new lives.

When the Bible refers to “the heart”, it’s typically referring to a combination of 3 things:

1. _____ process
2. _____
3. _____

Cyrus in prophecy:

•Jeremiah 25:8-12

•Jeremiah 51:11 “Sharpen the arrows, take up the shields! The LORD has stirred up the king of the Medes, because his purpose is to destroy Babylon. The LORD will take vengeance, vengeance for his temple.

•Isaiah 45:13 I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the LORD Almighty.”

B. True prophecy doesn’t require _____
fulfillment.

C. God moves your heart, you move your _____.

inertia: *the tendency of a body to remain inactive and motionless unless acted upon by an external force.*

As the potters wheel is turning, we are molded
As the chisel of the sculptor sets us free
Being fashioned in the image once intended
Endlessly
No standing, no standing still
~**Kerry Livgren.**

God’s heart or a deceitful heart? God’s desires or my desires?

•Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

How do I know when it’s God moving my heart, and not my own deceitful desires? Let’s get some insight from the next verses.

D. When God moves my heart, there is

_____.

E. Thankfulness is an almost immediate _____

"If [thankfulness] were a drug, it would be the world's best-selling product with a health maintenance indication for every major organ **system,**"

~**Dr. P. Murali Doraiswamy, Duke University Medical Center.**

F. A completely good and just God allows for the temporary existence of evil because He is _____.

•1Timothy 2:4 (God) wants all men to be saved and to **come to a knowledge** of the truth.