***Key to a Burning Heart (Part 2)***

**Foundational Truth #2: Setting our Heart on 100% Obedience**

It is empowering and satisfying to set our heart to love God with 100% obedience.

Empowering: The pursuit of 98% obedience has a limited blessing. The last 2% positions us to live with a vibrant heart. Powerful and surprising dynamics occur in our emotions as we pursue the last 2%. There is a “spark” of the Spirit in our heart as we “reach,” or aim, to live this way. The Spirit speaks to many about their lack of agreement with Him instead of God’s beauty.

Aiming for 100% obedience includes bridling our speech (James 3:2), making a covenant with our eyes and refusing to look at anything that stirs up lust (Job 31:1), disciplining our appetites, and managing our time (for service and prayer) and our money for the increase of God’s kingdom.

This reach must be so deliberate that it gets into our daily dialogue with God in our prayer times. It is more than a casual commitment to obey God in a general way.

Aiming for 100% obedience is different from attaining it. However, when we sin, we repent, receive forgiveness, and renew our resolve to “reach” to obey God fully, with confidence that He enjoys us now and values our journey to grow in love. We are equally yoked to Jesus, not by the size of our love, but by the all of our love. Our all may be small, but it is our all.

Satisfying: God created us with a longing to be wholehearted in our love for Him. It is necessary for our emotional health. The human heart does not function properly without wholeheartedness. Let us draw near to Him, Jesus our Lord moment by moment in desire and in understanding!