

The Heart of the Matter

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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True Change Comes From the Inside Out

1. Abandon an emphasis on the externals (Jeremiah 31:31-32)

- A. External conformity has a short shelf-life
- B. External conformity reveals the sinfulness of man

Key #1: Dig below the surface of Scripture

2. Adopt an emphasis on the internals (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

- A. God wants to touch your thinking
- B. God wants to touch your heart

Key #2: Teach the “why” as well as the “what”

3. Allow the Holy Spirit to work on your heart (Ezk. 36:24-28, Joel 2:28-32)

- A. Only the Holy Spirit can cause change in you
(Ezk. 36:24-28)
- B. Only the Holy Spirit is God’s plan for you (Joel 2:28-32)

Key #3: Stop at yield signs

CONCLUSION: Are you changing from the inside out?