

# The Whole Heart, Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

A. It is possible to live in the world without want. We must look to the things that are unseen. (Psalm 23, 2 Corinthians 4)

B. We are the temple of God in whom God dwells—we ought to seek the presence of the Lord. (Psalm 88, 1 Corinthians 6, Exodus 15:14-19, Jonah 2, 1 Timothy 2:1-8)

## II. The plan of God for us. (Isaiah 55:8, Jeremiah 29:11)

A. The human is divided by the heart, mind and spirit.

B. The will is key—a choice makes something happen. To be whole hearted is to exercise the will.

C. One can know that a Christian knows the living Christ by his oneness with him.

1. In this world we have Christ in you.

2. God has made a tremendous investment in us.

3. There is so much we can do with Christ in us.

## III. Those who seek God with their whole hearts are blessed. (Psalm 119)

A. The Bible asks us not to read the Word only but to meditate upon it. (Psalm 1)

B. We are to delight ourselves in our relationship with Christ. If you are really in love, your relationship is not a duty but a delight.

C. We can receive God's joy and peace when we serve him with a whole heart.

### **Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to be in the presence of the Lord?

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2. What does it look like practically to be a whole-hearted Christian?

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3. What areas of your Christian life are half-hearted? How can you change your behavior pattern?

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