

Series: Wholehearted
Message #4 – Theology of the Heart
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Renewed mission statement, ***We exist to glorify God and make disciples...by helping people find wholehearted life in Jesus.***

Here is the definition of the "heart" from the *New Bible Dictionary*...

*[The heart] was essentially **the whole man**, with all his attributes, physical, intellectual and psychological, of which the Hebrew thought and spoke, and the heart was conceived of as **the governing center** for all of these. **It is the heart which makes a man what he is, and governs all his actions.** Character, personality, will, mind are modern terms which all reflect something of the meaning of 'heart' in its biblical usage.*

Here is the definition of the "heart" from *Eerdmans Dictionary of Theology*...

*The ancients did not use detailed psychological vocabulary to make the fine distinctions used in modern speech. The Hebrews thought of the whole human being and personality with all its physical, intellectual, and psychological attributes when they used "heart." It was **considered the governing center** for all of these. **It is the heart (the core) which makes and identifies the person.***

The heart is who you truly are and all you are.

Proverbs 27:19...

¹⁹*As in water face reflects face, So the heart of man reflects man.*

Quote below from Dr. Robert Saucy in his book *Minding the Heart*

It is not how we look or what status or position we have or what we have accomplished or even what others think of us that determines who we really are... True self-knowledge comes from looking inwardly at the "thoughts and attitudes" that reside deep in the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)...Since the real identify of a person is his heart, the heart often equals the person."

Scripture References:

Genesis 6:5

⁵Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

⁷For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Matthew 9:4

⁴And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"

Genesis 6:6

⁶The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

John 16:22

²²"Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

Romans 9:1-2

¹I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

Psalms 37:3-5

³Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. ⁴Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

Romans 1:24

²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...

Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

²⁰Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Exodus 35:22

²²Then all whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came and brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold;

2 Corinthians 9:7

⁷Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Romans 6:17

¹⁷But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

The heart is who you truly are and all that you are in thoughts, emotions, desires and choices.

Proverbs 4:23...

²³Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life. (NAS)

²³...for it determines the course of your life. (NLT)

²³...that's where life starts. (MSG)

²³...For out of it spring the issues of life. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 17:9-10

⁹"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? ¹⁰"I, the LORD, search the heart..."

Mark 7:21-23

²¹"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²²deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³"All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

Ezekiel 36:26

²⁶"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Psalms 86:11

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Psalm 86:11 (NIV)

¹¹Teach me Your way, LORD, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.

Wholehearted life in Jesus is when our thoughts, emotions, desires and choices unite to find our deepest longings and our greatest hopes fulfilled in Jesus, alone.