

## “With My Whole Heart”

Psalms 119:2,10, 34, 69

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The Need For Whole Hearted Service:

- ▶ First and greatest commandment. **Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Matthew 22:37–40**

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Whole Hearted Service Not Always Rendered:

- ▶ Some have not prepared their hearts.
  - Rehoboam. **2 Chronicles 12:1, 14**
  - Solomon. **1 Kings 11:4**
  - Abijam (son of Rehoboam). **1 Kings 15:3**
  - Kingdom of Judah. **Jeremiah 3:6–11**

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Some Have Given Whole Hearted Service:

- ▶ Daniel. **Daniel 1:8**
- ▶ Ezra. **Ezra 7:10**
- ▶ David. ***Psalms 119:10 “With my whole heart have I sought thee: Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.”***

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Whole Hearted Service Needed Because:

- ▶ God looks upon the heart. **1 Samuel 16:7; cf. Mark 12:41–44**
- ▶ God knows what is in the heart. **Luke 16:13–15; Hebrews 4:12**
- ▶ God tries our hearts. **Proverbs 17:3** *“The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; But Jehovah trieth the hearts.”*
  - cf. David's admonition to Solomon. **1 Chronicles 28:9**
  - David's prayer. **1 Chronicles 29:17**
  - Jeremiah's prayer. **Jeremiah 11:20**

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Essentials For Whole Hearted Service:

- ▶ A prepared heart. **Ezra. 7:10; Acts 5:1–4**
- ▶ An understanding heart. cf. **1 Kings 3:9; cf. Hebrews 5:12; Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 55:8–9; Matthew 7:21–23**
- ▶ A willing heart. **Jeremiah 12:11** *“... the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.”*
  - Contrast
    - Rich young ruler. **Matthew 19:16–22**
    - Cornelius. **Acts 10:30–33**

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Essentials For Whole Hearted Service:

- ▶ Singleness of heart. **Ephesians 6:5-7; Matthew 6:19-23**
  - NOTE: "Singleness of purpose keeps us from the snare of having a double treasure and consequently a divided heart." (W.E. Vine)
- ▶ A purified heart. **James 4:8**
  - Heart purified by faith. **Acts 15:9; cf. 1 Peter 1:22-23**

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▶ Is thy heart right with God?

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