Undivided Hearts

*Proverbs 3:1-12**

Our hearts are amazing little pumps that recirculate blood throughout our physical bodies. But when we use that word, and when the Bible uses that word, it often is used figuratively as the center of who you are as a person.

God talks a lot about the heart in the Bible, —at least 866 times the word is used. Most of those times God is talking about who we are as people. God tells us that there are some people who have a divided heart or a double heart (Ps. 12:2), meaning that they are trying to live two different ways.

In contrast, God values a *whole-heart*, a perfect heart, an undivided heart, and a complete heart. King Hezekiah in 2 Kings 20:3 cried out to God in distress and reminded God that he had served Him with a *whole heart*. Israelite warriors rushed to aid God's man, David, and we are told that they had *undivided hearts* (1 Chron. 12:33) and *perfect hearts* (1Chron. 12:38) in the sight of God. David challenged his son Solomon to have a *whole-heart* (1 Chron. 28:9) and prayed that Solomon would have a *perfect heart* (1Chron. 29:19).

What are the marks of a person who has an undivided-heart?

- Undivided hearts pursue sound instruction (1-4)

- Undivided hearts exhibit four qualities (5-12)

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