

# Outline

## Lesson 4- Wholeheartedness

**Introduction- Last 3 lessons of Prerequisite to Truth are primary characteristics of truth seeker.**

**1. What is wholeheartedness according to bible- Jeremiah 29:13. The casual and half hearted seeker will not find God or His truth.**

**2. What is the definition of heart?**

**-The non material core or center of our being. Place of our thoughts, not material brain.**

**It is where the spirit , soul and body meet. The spirit expresses itself in the heart.**

**-It is the place of true meditation.**

**-It is the seat of our true passions and desires for good or ill.**

**-It is the place from which true faith is expressed. Rom. 10:9**

**2. It is the place where our treasure is.**

**-That which we value most. Mary treasured these things in her heart.  
Where your treasure is there will your heart be.**

**-If we value Jesus Christ above all else he will reside in our heart.  
Eph 3:17 -That Christ may dwell in your heart by faith.**

**3. The bible says the heart is desperately wicked- the place of sin, self, idolatry and even the demonic. But it also says he gives believers a new heart. Ezekiel 36:26**

**4. The heart is the place where He writes His living word. Heb 8:10  
-Until he writes His living word which is truth on our hearts it has no real meaning or effect on our lives.**

**5. In order to know truth at the heart level we must value Jesus Christ above all else and passionately pursue truth.**

**Here is one of Paul's statements of wholeheartedness towards Jesus Christ. Phil 3:8**

**6. True wholehearted devotion to Jesus is sometimes expressed in an act of sacrifice which may be viewed as a waste or fanaticism by others.**

**Here is a biblical example. Mark 14:3**

**-This could have been her most valuable possession.**

**-Those in the room thought it was a waste.**

**7. The following verse was the first scripture that God wrote on my heart as a young believer.**

**Heb 11:6**

**-Because of that verse I decided 47 years ago by His grace to seek God with all my heart and He has rewarded me greatly in many ways. Initially it was with the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**-My heart has grown cold at times over the years but he has always brought me back and reignite a fiery passion for Jesus Christ and truth.**

**-I pray that He would do the same for you. That you might have a fiery passion for Jesus Christ and truth always.**