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## C. STRENGTHENING CHARACTER

What does it mean to do something with my whole heart?  
What does that look like?

C.11: How do I become more **wholehearted**? [2 Chronicles 31:20,  
Psalm 86:11, Luke 10:27-28]

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### **A STORY**

In the earlier books of the Bible there is a story about a king who ruled during the time of the divided Kingdoms of Israel. The tribe of Judah and Benjamin were in the south and the other ten tribes were in the North were ruled by many kings. The King of the south who was well known was a king by the name of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was a leader who did all with his whole heart. What was it that made Hezekiah a whole-hearted leader?

### **DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

#### **2 Chronicles 31:20:**

*<sup>20</sup> This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. <sup>21</sup> In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.*

### **DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY**

1. What can we learn about Hezekiah that inspires you?

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2. What does it mean to do something with your whole heart?

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3. Give me some examples of things you have done in your life with a whole heart?

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### **APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

4. How can you grow in the character of wholeheartedness?

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5. What would be one area that you feel you are not wholehearted?

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6. What would be a step that you could take to change into more wholehearted behavior? When will you get started?

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**MORE DIGGING IN THE BIBLE**

**Luke 10:27-28:**

*He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

**DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY**

1. What does it mean to love God with your whole heart?

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2. What parts of your heart are you holding back from God?

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**APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

3. How will you clarify action steps of doing that with your whole heart?

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4. What can you do to change that?

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5. What would be a first step?

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**MORE DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

**Psalms 86:11:**

*Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."*

**DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY**

1. How do we identify what will causes us to have an undivided heart?

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2. Name the areas of your heart that are divided.

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**APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

3. How will you go about uniting your heart?

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4. What steps can you take to have an undivided heart?

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6. When will you start to take those steps?

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**DIGGING IN DEEPER**

1. What is the most important part of this lesson to you? Explain.

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2. How do you see applying aspects of this lesson to your life?

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3. When do you feel would be the best time to make that application?

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4. What do you hear the Lord speaking to you about this right now?

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**SIMILAR VERSES IN THE BIBLE**

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