

# THE HEART

*Proverbs 4:23, ESV*

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## **PROVERBS 4:20 - 27**

“My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.”

## **1 SAMUEL 16:7**

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’”

## **PROVERBS 16:9**

“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

## **PROVERBS 15:13**

“A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.”

## **ISAIAH 29:13**

“And the Lord said: Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me . . .”

## **1 SAMUEL 24:5**

“And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.”

## **PROVERBS 4:23**

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

The condition of your heart determines the direction of your life.

## **LUKE 6:43 - 45**

“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The



good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

### **MARK 7:21 – 22**

“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.”

Your heart is the steering wheel of your life.

TRUST (beliefs)

TREASURE (desires)

Whatever controls your heart controls your life.

## **#1 – GUARD YOUR HEART BY CONFESSING**

### **JEREMIAH 17:9**

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

### **EZEKIEL 11:19 – 20**

“And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them.”

### **HEBREWS 10:21 – 22**

“... and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

### **PSALM 51:10**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

## **#2 – GUARD YOUR HEART BY FIGHTING**



### **1 PETER 2:11**

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”

## **#3 - GUARD YOUR HEART BY FEASTING**

Feast on the Word of God.

### **PROVERBS 7:1 - 5**

“My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, ‘You are my sister,’ and call insight your intimate friend, to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words.”

### **HEBREWS 4:12**

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Feast on the goodness of God.

### **PSALM 107:8 - 9**

“Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”

### **PSALM 104:14 - 15**

“You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man . . .”

