

GUARDING YOUR HEART
PROVERBS 4:20-27
October 20th to 21st 2018atin

INTRODUCTION: SPURGEON'S PARABLE OF THE DIRTY WELL.

I) DEFINITIONS:

A) Life, *CHAY* (HEB). Quote – “The _____ of life depends on the _____ of the heart.”

B) HEART – THE _____. Strong's definition of *LEB* (HEB), “The heart, also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will, and even the intellect; likewise, for the center of anything.” Lutzer – “The real you.” Prov.23:7. The Heart is the Center of:

1. Thinking – Prov.23:7; Mk.2:8; Prov.6:18; Psalms 19:14; 10:6-17.
2. Emotions/Feelings – Ps.4:7; 16:9; 38:8; 27:3; 40:12; 55:4; 61:2; 109:22; 102:4.
3. The Will/Volition – Ps.37:4; 21:2; 57:7; 108:1; 122:7,8; Joel 2:12; Matt.18:35; Ps.32:11; 36:10.

C) GOD RELATES TO US ACCORDING TO OUR HEART! 1 Sam.13:14; 16:7; Prov.14:14; 1 Chron.28:9; Ezek.14:3-6; Ps.44:21.

D) HEART – THE _____. *TOWTSA'AH* (HEB), ‘outgoings, going forth, issues. Luke 6:43-45. 1. OF EVIL – Mtt.15:17-20; James 1:14,15; Prov.6:14,18; 14:14; 17:20; 12:20; 24:2; Gen.6:5. 2. OF GOOD – 1 Pet.1:22; Rom.5:5; Prov.10:8; 17:22; Rom.10:9,10; Luke 8:15.

II) _____ v.23

NATSAR (HEB) ‘to guard, protect, maintain, obey’. Ps.41:6;

A) GUARD THE HEART FROM: 1. PRIDE – Prov.16:5; 18:12; 21:4; Psalm.131:1. 2. HARDNESS – Prov.28:14; 29:1; Heb.3:13; Rom.2:5; Prov.5:12. 3. LUST – Prov.6:25; 7:25; Matt.5:28; 1 Pet.2:11. 4. BITTERNESS/UNFORGIVENESS – Heb.12:15; Matt.18:35. 5. DOUBT – Mark 11:23; Heb.3:12. 6. FEAR – Psalm 27:3,14. 7. INIQUITY/SIN – Prov.17:20; 12:8; Ps.66:18.

B) MAINTAIN IN THE HEART: 1. Love – Deut.6:5; Matt.22:37-40; 1 Pet.1:22; Rom.5:5. 2. UPRIGHTNESS – *YASHAR* (HEB) ‘right, straight, righteous’. Prov.11:3,6,11,20; Ps. 7:9,10. 3. SOFTNESS – Eph.4:32; 4. PURITY – Matt.5:8; Prov.22:11. 5. TRUSTING – Prov.3:5; “FIXED” Ps.57:7; 108:1; 112:7,8. 6. SEEKING HEART – Ps.27:7,8; 84:2; 119:2,10, 145.

*TO MAINTAIN OUR HEARTS, WE NEED TO KEEP GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEARTS!
Prov.4:20-22; Ps.119:11,161.

III) _____ YOUR HEART.

A) What you _____ .4:24. Prov.16:23-28; Matt.12:34-37.

B) What you _____ . 4:25. Ps.119:37; Job.31:1; 1 John 2:15,16.

C) What you _____ . 4:26,27. “Ponder Your Path”
Prov.11:3; 28:18; 21:29; 1:10-19 (esp. verse 15).

IV) CLOSING

A) A Holy Spirit _____. Ps.19:14; 26:2;
139:23,24; 1 John 3:21,22.

B) Cleanse and Purify Hearts – Ps.51:10,17; 1 John 1:6-9.

C) A New Heart (If not Born Again Already) – Jer.24:7; 32:39; Ezk.11:19-21; 36:26,27.

KEY: * “The QUALITY of life depends on the CONDITION of the heart.”

*B) HEART – THE CENTER.

*D) HEART – THE SOURCE.

*II) DUE DILIGENCE v.23.

*III) DIAGNOSING YOUR HEART

*A) What you SAY. 4:24

*B) What you SEE. 4:25.

*C) What you SEEK. 4:26,27.

* A) A Holy Spirit INSPECTION.