

Start Presentation

Proverbs 4:20-23

**20 My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.**

**21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;
Keep them in the midst of your heart;**

**22 For they are life to those who find them,
And health to all their flesh.**

**23 Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.**

Proverbs 4:23

**23 Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life. [NLT]**

**23 Keep vigilant watch over your heart;
that's where life starts. [Message]**

**23 So above all, guard the affections of your heart,
for they affect all that you are.**

**Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being,
for from there flows the wellspring of life. [TPT]**

Protecting Your Heart

Outer Protection

1 Corinthians 15:33

33 Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

33 Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character. [AMP]

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Make no mistake about it, God will never be mocked! For what you plant will always be the very thing you harvest.

8 The harvest you reap reveals the seed that was planted. If you plant the corrupt seeds of self-life into this natural realm, you can expect to experience a harvest of corruption. If you plant the good seeds of Spirit-life you will reap the beautiful fruits that grow from the everlasting life of the Spirit. [TPT]

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

**12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly,
righteously, and godly in the present age,**

**13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior
Jesus Christ,**

**14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and
purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.**

Inner Protection

1 John 3:20-21, Hebrews 9:14

20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Philippians 4:6-8

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Colossians 3:12-15

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

15 And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

AMP

2 Peter 1:2

**2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord**

Protecting Your Heart

➤ Outer Protection

➤ Corrupting Influences – Revelation of our own impressionableness

➤ Corrupting Behaviors – Not being religious but protecting yourself from the corrupting consequences

➤ Inner Protection (Grace & Peace)

➤ Conscience – Always tell where shame is coming from

➤ Fear – Philippians 4:6-8 because I have a Friend in Jesus

➤ Bitterness – Let the same peace rule over my forgiveness

The End