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Lesson 11-Sat.
Saturday, February 22, 2014

D1—THE HEART: GUARD YOUR HEART—PROVERBS 4:23

DUE:

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Before you begin your homework, take a few minutes to quiet your heart and pray.

LOOKING BACK...

1. Review the lesson on Proverbs 4:23 (February 22, 2014. D1—THE HEART: GUARD YOUR HEART). Identify two things that impacted you from the lesson. Write them down and explain why you chose them.

2. In Psalm 119:10 the Psalmist says that he seeks God with his whole heart. Is your seeking of God in His Word whole-hearted (pure) or half-hearted (tainted)? Reflect on the following questions (you don't need to write out your answers) to evaluate your heart's devotion to God. Remember to do this in the shadow of the cross, where Jesus died to give us a new heart and reconcile us to Himself.

Do you usually sense a presence or absence of affection for God?

Do you have an appetite for God's Word?

Are you daily shepherding your heart to God in His Word?

Do your daily routines (including your entertainment choices, internet use and use of free time) reflect that you are guarding your heart above all else?

How do your prayers reflect the vigilance with which you guard your heart?

What lures your heart away from God? (Be specific). Look up James 1:14-15, James 4:4-5, 1 John 2:15-16.

Are you vigilantly guarding your heart away from the polluting influence of those things?

Are there any areas of known disobedience or patterns of sin in your life? What does this reveal about your heart or how you have guarded your heart? Look up Matthew 7:20-23.

Does your life evidence a growing...

...love for God?

...love for your neighbor?

...love for the body of Christ and desire for fellowship with believers? concern for the lost?

...hatred for sin and desire to confess and repent?

...desire to forgive others?

...trust in God and commitment to obey His Word?

...desire for holiness and Christlikeness?

After considering the lesson on Proverbs 4:23, reflecting on the above questions, and meditating on your position in Christ, ask God to show you what you need to remove from your life that negatively impacts your heart's devotion, and what He wants you to put on in its place. Be ready to share those thoughts with your group.

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

As you continue your daily Bible reading look for and list an example of some one who guarded their heart or did not guard their heart. What happened to them?

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for lesson 12, D1-THE HEART: The Danger of Pride, read Deuteronomy 8:11-20.

What will lead to pride, if the Israelites don't beware?

What will pride cause them to do?

Any other observations from the passage you want to share?