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Thursday, January 12, 2017

Lesson 11-Thu.

## D1—THE HEART: GUARD YOUR HEART

**DUE:**

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

Before beginning your homework, pray and ask the Lord to help you grow in your love and obedience to Him as you thoughtfully respond to the questions.

### **Wellspring Kids Memory Verse:**

Psalm 139:14 "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

### **LOOKING BACK...**

Review the lesson and praise God, taking comfort in His Work of regeneration in your heart.

Write out a prayer to God . . . .

- rehearsing what God has done for your heart and what implications this should have on how you care for your heart
- thanking Him and asking for help as you seek to guard your "wellspring". (Remember guarding your heart (purity of heart) isn't just about what you keep out but even more about seeking God with all your heart.) Be specific.

Water purity check: Answer the following "water purity" questions.

- Do you usually sense a presence or absence of affection for God?
- Are you daily shepherding your heart to God in His Word?

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

d. What lures your heart away from God? How diligently do you flee this?

Now considering your answers to the “water purity check” questions above:

a. What do your answers reflect about how well you have been guarding your “wellspring”?

b. What practices do you need to maintain?

c. What might need to change?

**LOOKING DAY BY DAY...**

How has your daily time in God’s Word helped you to shepherd your heart during a recent time of need?.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

Read Deuteronomy 29:29 and answer the following questions:

a. Did God reveal everything in His mind to Israel?

b. Even with the addition of our “newer testament” (the New Testament), has God revealed everything in His mind to us?

- c. What were God's expectations for Israel regarding what He did reveal to them?
- d. In God's expectation, was it enough to just know what He revealed?
- e. What more did God expect?

Read Jeremiah 29:11 and answer the following questions:

- a. Who was the original audience to whom Jeremiah wrote? (You will need to look at what comes before this verse to answer this questions! Hint: Jeremiah 29:1-10.)
- b. How would they have understood this verse and its surrounding context?
- c. What does this verse reveal about God's character?
- d. How can that lead you to worship even if He is not directing these words to you, but ancient Israel?
- e. Why do you think Christians today "read themselves" into this passage?