



# GUARD YOUR HEART

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**Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)** Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do.

**1 Timothy 2:8** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

## BENEFITS OF A PURE HEART:

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**Matthew 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

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**Hebrews 10:22a (CEV)** So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith.

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**Hebrews 1:9 (NLT)** You love what is right and hate what is wrong. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else.

**Psalms 119:11** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

**Romans 12:2a (NLT)** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

**Proverbs 23:7a** For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

- The word "thinketh" comes from the Hebrew word "shaar" which means, "to split or open, to act as a \_\_\_\_\_."

**2 Corinthians 10:4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

- Human beings are not controlled by that which is true. They are controlled by that which they \_\_\_\_\_ to be true! This is the biblical concept of a stronghold – a \_\_\_\_\_ in the mind, built by the deceptions of the enemy.

**John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- All truth comes in \_\_\_\_\_! What you do with it after it is planted will determine if it bears fruit in you!
- The main reason people remain in bondage is that they refuse to make a permanent change in their \_\_\_\_\_!

<p><b>A WRONG EQUATION</b> changed feelings = changed thinking = changed behavior</p>
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<p><b>A RIGHT EQUATION</b> changed behavior = changed thinking = changed feelings</p>
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**Hebrews 4:12-13** <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

**Psalm 66:18** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: