

GUARDING THE HEART

PROVERBS 4:20-23

INTRODUCTION

- **Deu. 4:9**
- **The “take heed” commands in the NT**

I THE COMMAND (4:21-22)

A. KEEP WATCH OVER GOD’S WORD IN YOUR HEART

B. A HEART UNGUARDED WILL GO ASTRAY (JEREMIAH 7:22-24)

- 1. It is a slow departure**
- 2. It can happen to anyone – YOU!**

II THE IMPORTANCE OF GUARDING THE HEART (4:22)

A. THE WORD OF GOD IN THE HEART IS LIFE

III THE COMMAND REITERATED (4:23)

A. THE HEART MUST BE CONSTANTLY UNDER GUARD (4:23A)

- 1. The admonition to guard the heart constantly implies that it will come under constant attack**

- a. The peril of the last day’s (2 Tim. 3:1-2)**

B. THE ISSUES OF LIFE HAVE THEIR GENESIS IN THE HEART (PROVERBS 4:23B)

CLOSE: God will not tolerate any rivals on the throne of our hearts