

**Proverbs Series #4:
Guarding Your Heart**

Proverbs 4:20-27

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** We have a reoccurring theme in this passage where the mouth, the ears and the eyes are considered the _____ into the heart. V. 20
- B.** The Bible uses the heart as the _____ of the mind, the emotions, and the will. The heart is the core of all of our actions. **Matthew 15:16-20**
- C.** Allowing God's word to _____ your mind, emotions, and your will will change your actions. V. 21-23
- D.** Our mouths must be free of _____ and perverse speech. V. 24
James 1: 19-21
- E.** We must fix our eyes toward what God is bringing into our life _____. Excessive dwelling on the past is not healthy. V. 25 **Ecclesiastes 7:10**
- F.** We must not just be hearers of the word, the word must _____ our feet. V.26-27 **James 1:22**

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A.** It is important that we watch what we put _____ our heart. The voices that we listen to and the images that we choose to see make a difference in what we do.
- B.** It is important that we deal with our _____. This includes forgiving others from our past and it includes us putting on the armor of God.
- C.** Our _____ matter. They are a product of what is in our heart. To alter our _____ without dealing with what is in our heart is a meaningless endeavor.
- D.** It is important that we stop _____ for the good old days. The day that we are living in now must be centered around God and what He desires of us.