

## Today's Message Outline

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### Wisdom & the Heart

Wisdom Calls Out: Studies in Proverbs

Selected Proverbs

Sunday, July 19, 2009

*The path of wisdom passes through our hearts.*

*Proverbs makes it clear that we cannot be wise  
without dealing with our hearts.*

*But how does Proverbs instruct us to deal with our hearts?*

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Heart

What is the heart?

1. the source of our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. the source of our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. the source of our \_\_\_\_\_.

Heart, in the Bible, is the core of who we are, the very center of our  
identity, the truest picture of our real selves

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Heart

- Our culture tells us: “\_\_\_\_\_ your heart.”
- God's Word tells us: “\_\_\_\_\_ your heart”  
because our hearts are also the source of \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Heart

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your heart in the way of the Lord (23:19)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your heart to the things of the Lord (23:26)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ on your heart the love of the Lord (3:3)
4. \_\_\_\_\_, with all your heart, in the Lord (3:5-6)

## Today's Scripture Reading

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### On Wisdom & the Heart . . .

- (4:23) Watch over your **heart** with all diligence,  
For from it flow the springs of life.
- (12:25) Anxiety in a man's **heart** weighs it down,  
But a good word makes it glad.
- (14:13) Even in laughter the **heart** may be in pain,  
And the end of joy may be grief.
- (15:13) A joyful **heart** makes a cheerful face,  
But when the **heart** is sad, the spirit is broken.
- (19:21) Many plans are in a man's **heart**,  
But the counsel of the LORD will stand.
- (16:23) The **heart** of the wise instructs his mouth  
And adds persuasiveness to his lips.
- (27:19) As in water face reflects face,  
So the **heart** of man reflects man.
- (28:26) He who trusts in his own **heart** is a fool,  
But he who walks wisely will be delivered.
- (26:24) He who hates disguises it with his lips,  
But he lays up deceit in his **heart**.
- (28:14) How blessed is the man who fears always,  
But he who hardens his **heart** will fall into calamity.
- (23:19) Listen, my son, and be wise,  
And direct your heart in the way.
- (23:26) Give me your **heart**, my son,  
And let your eyes delight in my ways.
- (3:3) Do not let kindness and truth leave you;  
Bind them around your neck,  
Write them on the tablet of your **heart**.
- (3:5) Trust in the LORD with all your **heart**  
And do not lean on your own understanding.
- (3:6) In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.

## **THINK IT OVER!**

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1. Read through the Proverbs “heart passages” again. Anything strike you or grab you?
2. When you think of your heart, what normally comes to your mind? When the Bible speaks of the heart, what is it referring to?
3. What does Proverbs 4:23 tell us about the heart? Therefore what are we to do with the heart?
4. What does Proverbs 28:26 tell us and why?
5. In the last set of verses what are some ways we are called by Proverbs to “act upon” our hearts? How is this different than what our culture tells us?

## **WORK IT OUT!**

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week’s text/message?
2. How does our culture encourage us to ignore our hearts and focus exclusively on our projected images?
3. How does our culture encourage us to follow and trust our hearts? What does this mean?
4. What does the coming of Jesus (the Gospel) have to do with directing our hearts to the Lord?
5. How are you OR how do you need to be more intentionally acting upon your heart? How, practically, will you do that?