

# Keeping the Heart

## The Matter: “Keep the heart”

- “Keep / watch over”
  - (-) = from danger / sin
  - (+) = in safety / righteousness
- “Your”
- “Heart”

The heart is who you really are (Proverbs 23:6-8)

The heart is the inner man (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

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## The Manner: “with all diligence”

- It is the hardest work

Hard to allow God to search and reveal your heart

Hard to be honest with yourself (James 1:22-25)

Hard to make the changes necessary

- It is constant work

- It is the most important work

2 Chron. 16:9-12 – God searches for hearts that are His

Isaiah 66:2 – A heart that is His

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- This work never stops until our dying day
- This work separates true believers from false believers
- This work is rewarded

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### **1. The glory of God is much concerned**

- **Genesis 6:5-7, Jeremiah 4:3-4, 14, Isaiah 66:1-5**

### **2. Heart work shows the sincerity of our profession**

- **Heart work doesn't mean perfection**
- **Heart work does mean you're fighting**

### **3. The heart directs our behavior**

- **Our behavior is dictated by the heart**

**Proverbs 21:1-3, Psalms 37:27-31, Mark 7:14-23**

- **Our witness to the world most impacted by heart**

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4. Heart work comforts the soul
5. The more we care for the heart, the more grace we see
  - Psalm 139:17-18, 63:1-8
6. Strength under temptation depends on heart work
  - A neglected heart is easy prey for Satan
  - A neglected heart is birth place of temptation

**James 1:12-16**