

Guard the Door Part 2

Proverbs 4:20-27

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My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.

21

Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;

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for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.

23

Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

24

Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

25

Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.

26

Give careful thought to the paths for your feet
and be steadfast in all your ways.

27

Do not turn to the right or the left;
keep your foot from evil.

1. Guard your Thought Life

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Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

heart: hebrew - *lave*; inner man, mind, will, heart, understanding

Last week in part 1...

Philippians 4

6Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent or praiseworthy**—think about such things.

Genesis 4

God speaks to Cain

7If you **do what is right**, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door**; it desires to have you, but **you must master it.**”

do what is right: yä·tav'

make glad, rejoice

joyful

well placed

make a thing good or beautiful

happy

Guard the Door: Guard your Thought Life...

2. Guard the Environment of your home

2 Corinthians 2

11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

- The Apostle Paul says we are not unaware of Satans schemes.

Ephesians 2:1-2

Prince of the Power of the Air

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Prince of the power of the air), the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

Why is he called the Prince of the Power of the Air:

- The Devil wants control...
- If he can control the Air, He can control the Environment...
- If he can control the Environment, He can control the Influence...
- If he can control the Influence, He can control the Agenda...
- The Devil wants Control of the Agenda...

But this is the Revelation: “Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in this world”... 1 John 4:4

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- You are in Control of your Environment...
- Don't allow the enemy to pursued or control the environment...

Guard the Door: Guard the Environment of your Home...

3. Guard your Words

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

- The Power of Life and Death are in your words...
- So Speak Life into your Marriage...

- Speak Life into your kids...
- Speak Life into your work...
- Speak life and not death...
- Speak life when your in their presence
- Speak life when you are not in their presence
- If you mess up with your words, If you say something that was hurtful or harsh; apologize

Ephesians 4:29

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Ephesians 5:4

Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

- If you want something to change stop cursing it and start blessing it...

James 3

3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Guard the Door: Guard your words

4. Guard your Friendships (Don’t esteem the wicked)

Proverbs 4

14

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked
or walk in the way of evildoers.

15

Avoid it, do not travel on it;
turn from it and go on your way.

16

For they cannot rest until they do evil;
they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble.

17

They eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.

Proverbs 12:26

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

People don't change easily:

There are 3 Things that are proven to Change a Person

1. The Things you read
2. The Music You listen to
3. The People you hang out with

1 Corinthians 15

33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Amos 3:3

"Can two walk together, except they be in agreement"

You can't walk very far with someone you can't find common ground with...

Who are you finding common ground with...

Show me your friends, I will show you your future...

1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

- Examples are Powerful
- Examples are Needed

In the Body of Christ there are examples of:

- Hospitality
- Forgiveness
- Patience & Endurance
- Teachers of God's Word
- Lovers of God's Word
- Worship
- Triumph

Guard the Door: Guard your Friendships

4. Guard your Joy that comes from knowing Jesus

Luke 24:31

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Psalm 51

10

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation

In Luke 2, When the Angels announced the coming of the Lord to the Shepherds in the field they said: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great **joy** for all the people.

He is Joy

He Causes Great Joy

His desire is that His joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

John 15:11

Nehemiah 8:10

“This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

for the Joy: rejoicing, gladness, joy.

*Yataw: **do what is right:** be glad, be joyful, rejoice*

of the Lord: Jehovah God

is your Strength:

place or means of safety, harbor, protection, refuge, stronghold

Guard the Door: Guard your Joy that comes from knowing Jesus