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MATTER

Proverbs 4:23 New King James Version

23 **Keep your heart** with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23 New International Version

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

Don't Harden your Heart

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Trusting Knowing Obeying

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1 Peter 1:7 New King James Version

7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

James 1:2-4 English Standard Version

Testing of Your Faith

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for **you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.** 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, **that you may be perfect and complete,** lacking in nothing.

Romans 5: 1-5 New King James Version

5 Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access **by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Tests Trials Tribulations  Trust

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faith → tribulations → perseverance → character → hope → love of God

Trusting **Knowing** Obeying

Ephesians 1:17-18 English Standard Version

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him**, 18 having the **eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 4:18 English Standard Version

18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, **due to their hardness of heart.**

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noun

lack of knowledge or information.

A faith that is untested
cannot be trusted

God does not tempt us,
He tests us

Not to have us fall in sin,

But that we may stand in Faith

Trusting Knowing Obeying

Psalm 119:112 New King James Version

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I have **inclined my heart to perform** Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.

Obedience is the
evidence of our trust

Matthew 15:8-9 New King James Version

8

‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
**And honor Me with their lips,
But their heart is far from Me.**

9

And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

Hebrews 3:8 English Standard Version

8

do not harden your hearts **as in the rebellion,**
on the **day of testing in the wilderness,**

Psalm 95:6-11 New King James Version

6

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7

For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep [a]of His hand.

Psalm 95:6-11 New King James Version

Today, if you will hear His voice:

8

**“Do not harden your hearts, as in the [b]rebellion,
As in the day of [c]trial in the wilderness,**

9

**When your fathers tested Me;
They tried Me, though they saw My work.**

b — Meribah, lit. Strife, Contention

c — Massah, lit. Trial, Testing

Psalm 95:6-11 New King James Version

10

For forty years I was [d]grieved with that generation,
And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts,
And they do not know My ways.'

11

So I swore in My wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest.' ”

Hebrews 10:26 New King James Version

The Just Live by Faith

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 3:12-19

New King James Version

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

Hebrews 3:12-19

New King James Version

16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? **17** Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? **19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 11:6

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6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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