

5 Keys to a Godly Living Today

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4th Key—Exercise Our Spirit

- Man's spirit is God's lamp

*The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, **searching** all the innermost parts of the inner being. (Proverbs 20:27)*

- The Spirit of God is a lamp

*And there were seven **lamps of fire burning before the throne**, which are the seven Spirits of God. (Revelation 4:5b)*

4th Key—Exercise Our Spirit

- When we exercise our spirit to pray, there is a lamp shining. (Ephesians 6:18)
- Our inward parts will be thoroughly searched by the Lord. (Psalms 139:23-24)
- We need to respond to the spirit's shining.
- After such a time of prayer we will feel bright and transparent, filled with God. (Ephesians 5:8-9; 1 John 1:5)

5th Key—Guard Our Heart

- Our relationship with God first depends on our heart. (Acts 8:37)
- Our heart is the entrance and exit of our whole being. (Matthew 13:19; 15:18-19)

*But the things which proceed out of the mouth
come out of the heart, and those defile the man.*

***For out of the heart** come evil reasonings,
murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false
witnessings, blasphemies.*

Matthew. 15:18-19

5th Key—Guard Our Heart

- We need to guard our heart by keeping it with all vigilance. (Proverbs 4:23)

*But **sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts**, being always ready for a defense to everyone who asks of you an account concerning the hope which is in you. (1 Peter 5:15)*

*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but **Jehovah weighs the hearts**. (Proverbs 21:2)*

5th Key—Guard Our Heart

*And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would **walk in all His ways** and **love Him** and **serve** Jehovah your God **with all your heart** and with all your soul.*

Deuteronomy 10:12

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4 Kinds of Hearts in Matthew 13:

1. Hardened by worldly traffic. (vv. 4, 19)
2. Shallow in receiving. (vv. 5-6, 20-21)
3. Full of anxieties and the deceitfulness of riches. (vv. 7, 22)
4. Gives room for growth. (vv. 8, 23)

We need to deal with our heart by admitting our condition to the Lord and having a detailed confession under His shining.

Group Discussion Question

Why does prayer help us to have the Lord's shining and to deal with our heart?

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