

# The Hardest Part of Conversion

## Proverbs 4:23

### Introduction

- I. The importance of the heart.
  - A. It affects every area of our life.  
Mt. 7:21-23  
Mt. 12:34
  - B. The Lord knows our heart. Prov. 5:21  
Prov. 14:13  
Prov. 16:1, 2  
I Sam. 16:7
  - C. It reflects who we really are. Prov. 27:19
- II. The imperative for the heart.
  - A. Guard your heart.
  - B. God's example for us. Deut. 32:10; Isa 42:6  
I Cor. 10:13  
John 17:9
- III. The implications for guarding the heart.
  - A. Guard your tongue. (v. 24)  
Ps. 141:3, 4
  - B. Guard your eyes. (v. 25) Job. 31:1; Gen. 39:7  
Prov. 23:17  
Prov. 24:17
  - C. Guard your feet (vv. 26, 27)  
Hb. 12:12, 13

### Application:

- 1.
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- 3.
- 4.