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→ Proverbs 4:24

* Crooked speech has no place in a believer's life

APPLICATION:

1. The "fear of the Lord" is the beginning of wisdom.
We must accept what He says about our sin and believe in His provision for our sin—the Lord Jesus Christ!
→ NOTE: Proverbs 3:5-6
2. Knowing Christ, we then take seriously His Word, reading and applying it to our lives daily!
Our all-wise Father says, "Listen to my Words."

TEXT: PROVERBS 4:20-27

TITLE: "Wisdom from Father" (part 1)

→ A Wise Father Instructs His Son in Wise Living.

Proverbs has this special formula over and over: "My Son!" 26 times, a Wise Father instructs his son or his children in wise and godly living.

Note 4:1—"My Children and 4:10, 20 and 5:1—"My Son." Let's look at 4:20-27!

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→ Proverbs 4:20-22

A. Pay a _____ to "my words"

1. Solomon, son of King David speaks to his son
2. Solomon's words and sayings are recorded by God's Spirit in Proverbs
3. The Whole Word of God could be in view here, by extension
4. Think of God the Father speaking to us, His children, "Pay Attention!"

B. I _____ your ears to "my speech"

C. Don't let the words go from your s _____
→ NOTE: Psalm 119:18

D. Keep them in your h _____
→ NOTE: Psalm 119:11

E. Understand the reason _____ for the commands!

1. The Wise Words give instructions!—4:22a
→ **NOTE: Proverbs 8:17 & 34-36**

2. The Wise Words give help!—4:22b

→ **NOTE: ears eyes, heart, flesh!—THE TOTALITY OF ONE'S BEING IS IMPACTED BY LISTENING TO AND APPLYING WISE WORDS—THE FATHER'S WORDS—THE WORD OF GOD TO OUR LIVES!**

3. Look at how the body and the total person is affected by sins _____

a. Destruction of soul—6:32

b. Wounds and dishonor—6:33

c. Ox to slaughter--Arrow in the liver—7:21-23

d. Bird in the snare—7:23

2. Guard Your Heart!

→ Proverbs 4:23

A. Discern the command

1. **Action:** protect, guard, keep, watch

→ Proverbs 13:3, 16:17; Psalm 34:13, 119:2

2. **Object:** your heart

a. The heart = control center of one's life

b. The heart is the spiritual command post of one's fort or base = being

3. **Method:** with all diligence

→ **NOTE: 2 Corinthians 10:5**

→ **NOTE: Jude 21—"keep yourselves in the love of God"**

B. **Why** _____ for the reason of the command

1. Because the heart is the source of our lives!

2. Because all of life is affected by our hearts!

^{NLT} Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

^{NAU} Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

3. God is about changing the heart and then the actions and the life will be changed!

4. Believers, whose hearts have been changed, must Guard the Citadel of their hearts! (Enemy forces want to break in and destroy the purity and integrity of our hearts!)

→ **ILLUS. Jesus' words on the heart: Mark 7:20-23**