

The Wellspring of Life (Proverbs 4:20-27)

1. *Message #1*: wisdom of discretion and the folly of anger (Prov 19:11)
2. *Message #2*: Take heed how you hear (Prov 8:32-35)
3. *Message #3*: You think what you are (Prov 12:5; 15:26)
4. *Message #4*: By your words (Prov 10:11; 18:4)
5. *Message #5*: ‘Seeing is Believing’ (Proverb 20:12; 27:30)

I. Safeguard Your Heart (4:20-23)

- “*Keep your heart*” or “*guard your heart*” vs 20-22 instructions leading up
- Righteous: guard new heart God has given (Col 3:16; Matt 12:33-35)
- Can we know our hearts and can we keep them? Phil 2:12,13; Jude 20,24
- Unless the heart is governed & ruled by Christ & His Word it will fall.
- If the heart is not rooted in Christ the fruit will be bad (Lk 6:43-45)
- Issues of life are life’s choices & decisions & the paths we take

II. The Channels of Sin (4: 24-27)

- Our whole lives as Christians: “Living sacrifices” (Rom 12:1-2)
 - A. Put away evil from the mouth and the eyes
 - Put away a deceitful mouth & perverse lips (Matt 5:22; Prov. 8:13)
 - Let your eyes look straight ahead, your eyelids look right before you
 - B. Ponder the path of your feet
 - Let your ways be established, don’t turn to the right or to the left
 - Matt 7: 13; Eph 5:15; 1 John 2: 5;