

KEEPING ONE'S HEART PURE---- Proverbs 4:23

Introduction:

- A. Today's lesson is going to be an Acrostic study of the word HEART!
 - 1. This determines what a man is. (Prov. 23:7)
 - 2. Functions of the heart:
 - 3. Thinks, (Mt. 9:4);
 - 4. Reasons, (Mk. 2:8);
 - 5. Understands, (Jn. 12:40)
 - 6. Loves, (Mt. 22:37);
 - 7. Will, purposes, (2 Cor. 9:7).
- B. This is that which God looks on: the basis of judgment. (I Sam. 16:7; Lk. 16:15)
- C. KEEP THY H-E-A-R-T

II. H – ONEST

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

III. E -- ARNEST: (ZEALOUS, SINCERE, INTENSE, EXCITED, AROUSED.)

- A. Fervent spirit to please God. (Rom. 12:11)
- B. Religion must be real, not play. (I Cor. 9:26,27)
- C. Must keep the heart "stirred up." Zeal can be stimulated. Must learn how such done.
- D. Possible to lose zeal. (Rev. 3:19)
- E. Things which cause zeal to grow cold. Must learn what they are and avoid. (see Mt. 24:12)

IV. A -- FECTIONS: (MENTAL STATE OR TENDENCY, DISPOSITION, TENDER FEELINGS.)

- A.
- B.
- C.

V. R -- EVERENT: (To regard with deep respect, affection, honor, deference." To stand in awe before God. "Keep silence before Him.")

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

VI. T -- ENDER: --- Like an artist who could not look on a bad painting without it affecting him.

- A.
- B.

VII. Conclusion: