

DIRECTING YOUR HEART



PROVERBS 23

I. Apply your heart to instruction (Proverbs 23:12).



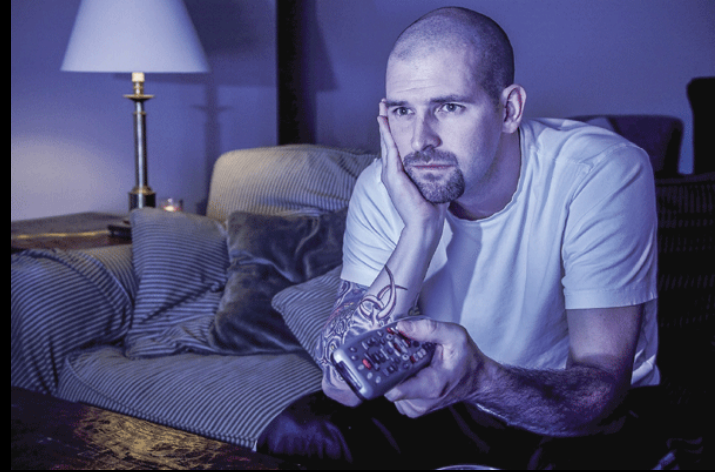
- What happens to hearts that are not specifically trained to love what is important?
- To what kind of instruction do we need to be applying our hearts?

**II. If your heart is wise,
then the hearts of those
who love you will be glad
(Proverbs 23:15).**



- How do parents feel when their children are properly directing their hearts?
- How is our speech affected by a properly directed heart?

III. Do not let your heart envy sinners (Proverbs 23:17).



- What can we do to keep our hearts from envying sinners?
- How well are we directing our hearts away from envying sinners?
- What blessings come when we don't let our hearts envy sinners?

IV. Keep your heart on the right path (Proverbs 23:19).



- How can we do a better job of keeping our hearts off of the wrong paths?
- What is involved in keeping our hearts on the right path?
- How diligently are we striving to keep our hearts on the right path?

V. Give your heart to your Father (Proverbs 23:26).



- What will help to convince me that my Father can lead my heart better than I can?
- What is involved in giving our hearts to our Father?

Call to action: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." –Proverbs 4:23



- How does the directing of our heart support the truth of **Proverbs 4:23**?
- How diligently are you applying your heart to instruction?
- Who is blessed by your directed heart?
- How secure is your heart from worldly envy?
- How will you keep your heart on God's path?

-How can we help?