



Life In Christ – The Guarded Life: Lives

Proverbs 4:20-27

Introduction:

- The Godly life is not lived passively.
- It is not random, and it is not a life of wandering.
- Those who wait for God's Word to change them will only find it so doing when they actively feed themselves with it.
- God's Word, God's will, and God's way must be a center point of our thinking.

1. Pay Attention to the Details (v. 20).

- ...*give **attention** to my words;*
 - Concentration.
 - Penetration.
- **Incline** your ear to my sayings.
 - Read and study with intention.
 - Lean in toward the one who is speaking.

2. Hold Fast to the Words of Life (v. 21-22).

- Just like food and water give us life physically, God's word gives us life spiritually.
- Read, Pray, Memorize, and Disciple

3. Guard What You Surround Yourself With (v. 23-25).

- ...*keep your heart...* → Be careful of all of the heart temptations and disruptions.
- When we allow our hearts to be lured away from God, we lose spiritual health.
- What is the difference between religion and spirituality?
- ...*Put away a deceitful mouth...*
- ...*let your eyes look straight ahead...*

4. Practice the Spiritual Discipline of Removal (v. 26-27).

- Ponder where you are and where you want to be. What is preventing you from moving forward spiritually?

Application: _____
