

Guarding the Heart

## **Description**

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The Bible tells us that our heart is the most important part of who we are. Proverbs 4:23 says "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." This is an important reminder to take care of our hearts and guard them from harm. In this blog post, we will explore the concept of guarding the heart and how we can do so. We will look at five ways to guard the heart, some Bible verses to meditate on, and five discussion questions.

# 1. Identifying and overcoming temptations

Temptations can come in all shapes and sizes. They can be physical temptations, such as eating too much junk food or staying up too late, or they can be spiritual temptations, such as lusting after something or being envious of others. No matter what the temptation is, it is important to recognize it and overcome it. The Bible tells us in James 1:13-15, "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." This verse reminds us that we are responsible for our own actions and that we need to guard our hearts against temptation.

### 2. Prayer

Prayer is a powerful tool that can help us guard our hearts. It is important to pray for protection from temptation and for strength in our spiritual walk. We can also pray for guidance in difficult times, for wisdom in our decisions, and for God's will to be done in our lives. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Through prayer, we can ask God to protect and guide us.

## 3. Listening to God

If we want to guard our hearts, it is important to listen to God. We can do this by reading the Bible, spending time in prayer and meditation, and listening to what God is saying to us. God often speaks to us through His Word, through other people, and through our own conscience. It is important to be still and listen to Him, and to obey what He is telling us. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God." When we are still and listen to God, He will provide us with the strength we need to guard our hearts.

# 4. Focusing on what is good

It is easy to get caught up in the negative things in life. It is important to guard our hearts by focusing on what is good. Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brothers and

sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." When we focus our thoughts on what is good, it will help us guard our hearts.

## 5. Worship

Worship is an important part of guarding our hearts. When we worship, we are focusing our attention on God and His goodness. This helps to put our minds and hearts in the right place. Psalm 95:6 says, "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Worship helps us to stay focused on what is good and to guard our hearts.

These are five ways to guard our hearts. It is important to recognize temptations, pray for protection, listen to God, focus on what is good, and worship. By doing these things, we can guard our hearts and keep them safe from harm.

Salvation Prayers: Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today acknowledging my need for salvation. I confess that I have sinned and fallen short of your glory. But I believe that you died for my sins and rose again. I ask that you come into my heart and be my Lord. I commit to following you and living for you every day. Thank you for your love and for the gift of eternal life. In your name I pray, Amen.

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### **Multiple Choice Questions**

- 1. What is the most important part of who we are according to the Bible?
- a. Our mind
- b. Our body

- c. Our heart
- d. Our soul
- 2. What does Proverbs 4:23 say?
- a. "Above all else, love your neighbor."
- b. "Above all else, guard your heart."
- c. "Above all else, seek knowledge."
- d. "Above all else, be kind."
- 3. What does James 1:13-15 say about temptation?
- a. Temptation is from God.
- b. Temptation is something to be welcomed.
- c. We are responsible for our own actions.
- d. We can never overcome temptation.
- 4. What is one way to guard our hearts?
- a. Pray for protection.
- b. Focus on what is bad.
- c. Worship evil.
- d. Ignore God's Word.
- 5. What does Psalm 95:6 tell us to do?
- a. Rejoice in the Lord.
- b. Come before the Lord in humility.

- c. Praise the Lord.
- d. Seek God's forgiveness.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What do you think it means to guard your heart?
- 2. What temptations do you face, and how do you guard your heart against them?
- 3. How does prayer help us guard our hearts?
- 4. What are some practical steps we can take to focus on what is good and worship God?
- 5. What other ways do you think we can guard our hearts?

#### FAQ:

- 1. Why is it important to guard your heart as a Christian?
- 2. What are some common things that can negatively affect our hearts as Christians?
- 3. How can guarding your heart improve your spiritual life?
- 4. What are some biblical passages that address the importance of guarding your heart?
- 5. How can I guard my heart without becoming isolated or detached from the world around.

#### **Answers**

- 1. C
- 2. B

- 3. C
- 4. A
- 5. B

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