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and the Scripture that changed their lives

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a different drummer

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23

Nearly every aspect of life involves matters of the heart—the center of our emotions, feelings, and desires. All day, every day, we are presented with situations that demand a heart response. It's how we react to those situations that truly reveal our character. How do we respond when people hurt, cheat, or deceive us? Are we angry, bitter, or vengeful? How would we respond if our greatest temptation were to lie enticingly just at the edge of our grasp? Bottom line: How do we react when no one else is looking?

But as I know well, God *is* looking. He knows us inside and out, and he judges the inward heart, thoughts, and motives of each and every one of us. That's why I work to keep my heart soft, pliable, tender, and obedient before the Lord. That's the only way I can be sure to hear his voice and respond accordingly. We are all stewards of our own hearts. We alone are responsible for how we respond to the trials and temptations life throws our way. It's a challenge to be sure—but the course of our lives will be full, satisfying, and God-honoring if we surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit and continually ask him to guard our hearts.

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