"GUARDRAILS: The Heart of the Matter"

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Above all else guard your heart...

How is the heart defined biblically?

In Hebrew... לֶב (leb)

The heart is defined as your inner self, mind, will, heart

In Greek... καρδία (kardia)

The heart is defined as the heart; mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center

Why should we guard our heart?

Because your heart is extremely <u>valuable</u>
Because your heart is the source of <u>everything you do</u>
Because your heart is under <u>constant attack</u>

Proverbs 4:23-27

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.

Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.

Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Four ways to guard your heart

- 1. Mind your mouth
- 2. Fix your focus
- 3. Determine your <u>direction</u>
- 4. Continue to <u>course correct</u>