

Fruit-

It Starts In The

Heart





Cookie Story

The *fruits* of The Holy Spirit

=
the *standard*
for our heart's response. 

Fruit is *not*
behavior modification.

The Fruits of The Holy Spirit

-  Love
-  Joy
-  Peace
-  Patience
-  Kindness
-  Goodness
-  Faithfulness
-  Gentleness
-  Self-Control

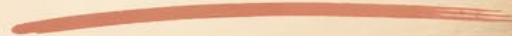
Galatians 5:22-23



Heart =
Inner person 



Our *hearts'*
response to life
can show us
valuable
information. 



why does *the heart posture* *matter*

if our behavior on the
outside toward others is
acceptable and technically
the righteous way to act?



Guard your heart

 Proverbs 4:20-23



My son, **pay attention** to what I am saying;
Incline your ears to my words.



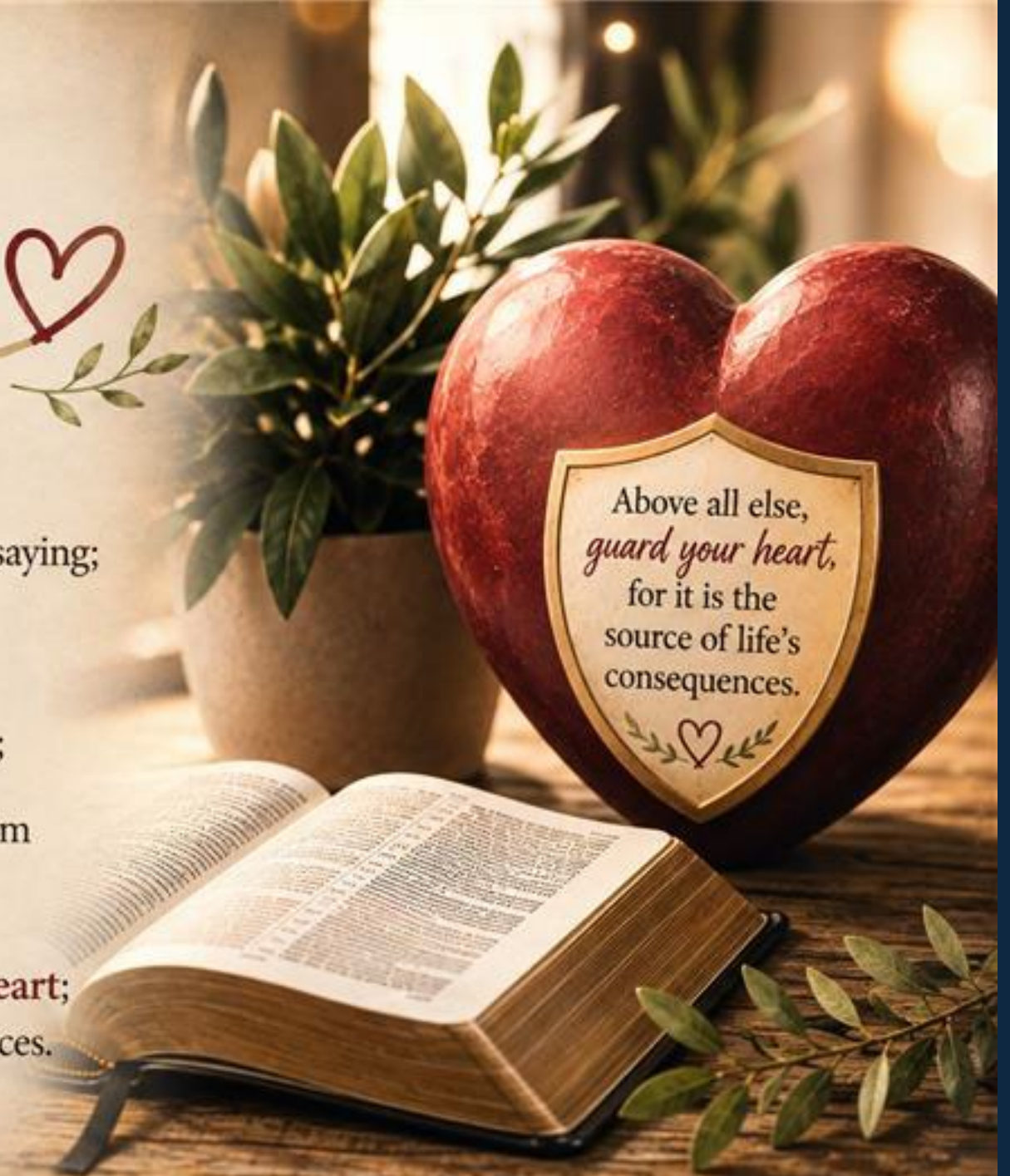
Don't let them out of your sight,
keep them **deep within your heart**;



for they are **life** to those who find them
And **health** to their whole being.



Above everything else, **guard your heart**;
For it is the **source** of life's consequences.



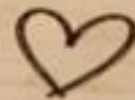
Pay attention
to yourself 
and to *the teaching*,
continue in it,
for by so doing
you will deliver
both yourself
and those
who hear you. 

 1 Timothy 4:16



Pay Attention:

- ☒ To Yourself
- ☒ To the Teaching
- ☒ Continue in It



Guard your heart,
Proverbs 4:23



Be diligent
in your calling.



Your faithfulness
impacts others.

6:9-10

He said, “Go and tell this people:
you certainly *see* but you *don't get
the point!*”

“Make the heart of this people
[*sluggish with*] *fat, stop up*
their ears, and *shut* their eye.
Otherwise, seeing with their eyes
and hearing with their ears
then understanding with their hearts,
they might *repent* and *be healed!*”



UNDERSTANDING THE PICTURE



**FAT =
A NUMBNESS
AND STUBORNESS**



**HEAVY EARS =
SELECTIVE HEARING**



**SHUT EYES =
WILLFUL BLINDNESS**

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Isaiah 6:9-10

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KEEP THEM DEEP

Psalm 119:9-11



How can a young man
keep his way pure?
By guarding it according
to your word.



I seek You with all my heart;
don't let me stray from
your mitzvot.



I treasure your word in my heart
so I don't sin against you.



Store His Word.
Guard Your Heart.
Walk in His Ways.



I have hidden
Your word in
my heart
PSALM 119:11



*Find
Them*



Jeremiah 29:12

When you *call to me* and
pray to me, *I will listen to you.*

—————  —————
When you *seek Me*,
you will *find Me* provided
you seek for Me *wholeheartedly*;

—————  —————
and *I will let you find Me*,
says ADONAI.



Whole Being

The word
whole is defined as—

to be complete,
unbroken,
undamaged, or
healthy,
containing all of
its original parts.



-  COMPLETE
-  UNBROKEN
-  UNDAMAGED
-  HEALTHY
-  ALL OF ITS ORIGINAL PARTS

1 Peter 3:3-4



Your beauty should not consist in *externals* such as fancy *hairstyles*, gold jewelry or what you wear; rather let it be the *inner character* of your *heart*, with the imperishable quality of a *gentle and quiet spirit*.

In God's sight
this is of *great value*.



“Don't pay attention to how he looks (*referring to one of the older sons*) or how tall he is, because I have rejected him.



ADONAI doesn't see the way humans see—*humans look at the outward appearance,* but ADONAI *looks at the heart.*”

1 SAMUEL 16:7



This is more correctly translated,
*“keep thy heart with
the greatest vigilance;
for out of it are
the issues of life”*



How can the righteous
avoid a deceptive path?

*Shlomo (a rabbi) says,
guard your heart.*



Rabbi Cohen says that
the heart is the **central** organ
which conditions all man's
activities, upon whose
correct functioning
depends the character
of his living.



Another Rabbi says,
a person with a good heart
is **generous**, a **loyal** friend,
a good **neighbor**, aware of
the consequences of one's
words and deeds.



Consequences



“For it is the source
of life’s *consequences*.”



Ezekiel 36:25-27



Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols.



I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a new heart of flesh.



I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings, and obey them.

