Protecting the Heart

It does not matter what times we are living in because the need for protection is always high. During storms we seek shelter in what we believe to be strong buildings. Nowadays, buildings that seem to be strong and safe are no longer fitting such a description. We have come to see how strong buildings made of concrete came down in the country of Haiti. This happened suddenly and without warning. It was a mighty external force which destroyed, in a matter of minutes, what took man years to develop. The most essential part of all was the innumerable amount of lives lost. Where are these people today? We must continue to pray for each other for we must learn from the experiences of others. In the natural we seek natural protection; however, the most important protection sought after should come from the spiritual realm.

Jesus is the Rock who can shelter us from all things. He provides refuge to our soul making spiritual provision. Events of any kind cannot destroy us, for even when the building (body) perishes we still have a heavenly dwelling which is eternal. Friend, your soul lives forever. The key question that you must find the answer to is: where will your soul live?

Jesus dwells in the hearts of people. He does NOT reside inside a church building. The New Testament Church is made up of people who willingly have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This is the only key to the door. In Him we have life!

The key to Salvation is kept in the heart of the believer. It is for this reason that we MUST guard the heart with vigilance. Lives are lost because people believe to have something that they never had. Religion and the acting of being a Christian have destroyed the lives of many. Many others have been reluctant to come to Christ because of the poor witnessing they see in professed Christians. Friend, don’t act like a Christian but rather be ONE. The fruit manning from your life is the best guidance you have to determine your progress. Gauge your life while forsaking the trouble others have. Salvation is about you and you alone. This journey is run individually; although, there is a corporate aspect in it. Run the race God ordained you, and do it joyfully! You can do it! The greatest enemy you will be facing is DOUBT. Run, run, and run towards God!

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. The greatest treasure is kept in your heart. It is a treasure that is open to God and to you, but it is hidden to the world. It is hidden but it can be revealed to the world through actions, known as fruit. You MUST protect the good seeds which are imbedded in your heart, while removing the things that are not pleasing to God. The Word of God will identify to you what those things are, and with the help of the Holy Ghost you can get rid of all of them. Keep in mind that sin can keep you from growing spiritually.

The Bible is the source of life to the believer. It is the fuel that keeps the heart running efficiently. Seek God by knowing His Word and by putting into practice the lessons learned from the book of Life.
Psalm 145:21 “My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.”

Luke 6:43-45
The Tree and Its Fruit
• “A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit.
• A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes.
• A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Proverbs 4
1. My children, listen when your father corrects you. Pay attention and learn good judgment,
2. for I am giving you good guidance. Don’t turn away from my instructions.
3. For I, too, was once my father’s son, tenderly loved as my mother’s only child.
4. My father taught me, “Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live.
5. Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don’t forget my words or turn away from them.
6. Don’t turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.
7. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.
8. If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you.
9. She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown.”
10. My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.
11. I will teach you wisdom’s ways and lead you in straight paths.
12. When you walk, you won’t be held back; when you run, you won’t stumble.
13. Take hold of my instructions; don’t let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.
14. Don’t do as the wicked do, and don’t follow the path of evildoers.
15. Don’t even think about it; don’t go that way. Turn away and keep moving.
16. For evil people can’t sleep until they’ve done their evil deed for the day. They can’t rest until they’ve caused someone to stumble.
17. They eat the food of wickedness and drink the wine of violence!
18. The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day.
19. But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.
20. My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words.
21. Don’t lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart,
22. for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.
23. Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.
24. Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech.