

“Keep Your Heart With All Vigilance:
What Do You Think About?”
Proverbs 6:20-35; Ephesians 5:3-5

*“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with **lustful intent** has already committed adultery with her **in his heart**.” (Matthew 5:28; cf. Mark 7:20-23). “I have **stored up Your word in my heart**, that I might not sin against You.” (Psalm 119:11). “**Keep your heart** with all vigilance, for from it flows the springs of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)*

“You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:3). “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Exodus 20:17). “It is through this craving (covetousness/love of money) that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” (1 Timothy 6:10b)

Covetousness is a strong, inordinate craving, an inability to be content and satisfied with the necessities of life and ministry. It is a craving (natural or sinful) that surpasses your craving for God.

- Proverbs 6:20-35:
 - Passion for the Word (6:20-23):
 - “If you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.” (Proverbs 2:4-5)
 - “For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you.” (Proverbs 2:10-11)
 - “Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.” (Proverbs 27:5-6)
 - The Power of Lust and Covetousness (6:24-29):
 - “Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.” (Proverbs 1:19)
 - “For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.” (Proverbs 5:3-4)
 - “The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.” (Proverbs 5:22-23)
 - The Devastation of Sin (6:30-35):
 - “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)
 - “As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11)
- How Do We Kill Covetousness (Sin)?
 - Grow in Gratitude:
 - Seek Holiness like the world seeks Worldliness:
 - Invite Reproofs:

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** See the January Newsletter for more information about our monthly donations!

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, January 17th, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location, at 7am. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Zach know (740)618-0739.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service is THIS Sunday, January 18th. If you are interested in being baptized or if you have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Richard, Elder Jake, or Elder Mike.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our Monthly Church Game Night is THIS Sunday, January 18th, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to play, and a food item to share with everyone. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this great time of food and fellowship!

★**GREETING MINISTRY MEETING:** We are having a Greeting Ministry Meeting on Sunday, February 1st, immediately following the worship service. If you currently serve in that ministry, or if you are interested in serving in that ministry, please plan on staying for this meeting! For any questions, please see Shawn Bailey.

★*For all other announcements, please see the January Newsletter!*

Prayer Night:

- Romans 1:7

[7] "To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

- They would be confident of God's love for them individually.
- They would live in God's grace and peace, fully confident in their position in Christ.

- Romans 1:8–10

[8] "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. [9] For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I mention you [10] always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you."

- They would be faithful in prayer and the gospel.
- Their faith would be impactful to others around them.

- Romans 10:1

[1] "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."

- They would have a growing zeal for evangelism.
- Their zeal would be contagious to other Christians.

- Romans 15:5–6

[5] "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- They would see God as their source of endurance and encouragement.
- They would be zealous for God's glory.