

**RULES TO LIVE BY**  
**Proverbs 4:23-27**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**In this message, we will review four basic rules to live by during our stay here on earth: (1) Guard Your Heart, (2) Guard Your Mouth, (3) Guard Your Eyes, and (4) Guard Your Feet.**

- **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov 1:7).**

**I. GUARD YOUR HEART (v. 23)**

- A. Are you guarding your heart against evil? (Matt 15:8; Phil 4:8)**
- B. Do not associate with evil companions 1 Cor 15:33; Prov 4:14-15)**  
**“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Cor 15:33).**

**II. GUARD YOUR MOUTH (v. 24; Prov 6:16-19)**

- A. The tongue can be very dangerous – lies, slander, false witness, gossip, profanity**
- B. An unguarded tongue can lead to anger, bitterness, resentment which can result in fights, shootings, domestic violence and can ruin your testimony and reputation (Prov 17:20).**

**III. GUARD YOUR EYES (v. 25)**

- A. Wandering eyes can lead to sin (2 Samuel 11, 12:1-25; Job 31:1)**
- B. Control Your Eyes (Matt 6:22; Ps 119:18)**

**IV. GUARD YOUR FEET (vv. 26-27)**

- A. Think carefully about where you go and not go (Go to the right places) – (Prov 4:26-27; 6:18; Isa 59:7)**
- B. Stay on the Right Path (Prov 3:5-6; Ps 119:105; Matt 22:36-40)**
- C. Use your Feet to Witness to Others (Isa 52:7; Rom 10:14-15)**

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Four Basic Rules to Live By: Guard Your Heart, Guard Your Mouth, Guard Your Eyes and Guard Your Feet.**
- B. “O Lord, keep our hearts, keep our eyes, keep our feet, and keep our tongues.” – William Tiptaft**
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**