

correct but we are dealing with something more than just a mind---we are looking at the total life. The believer has been redeemed and is no longer the subject of sin and/or rebellion but is a justified son of God. The greatness of that truth should grip us as we look on the affairs of everyday life.

#### B. Understand the desire of God

We have often thought of God's will for us as a company and there are a few verses like 1 Thessalonians 5:23 that tell us exactly what that will is. If we returned to Leviticus 8:23-24\ we would see that what God wanted for His priestly class was the reality of the mind, the walk, and the work being given to Him. His ownership was absolute and you may see this in 1 Peter 2 where we are identified as a "peculiar" (unique) people who are to live to show the greatness of His salvation.

#### C. Practice God's instruction:

Present yourself to Him as a living sacrifice in the sense of Romans 12:1-2. Then we accept the authority of His Word over our lives as in 2 Timothy 3:14-16 and we come to the happy experience of wanting to live to please Him in the terms of 2 Corinthians 5:9. The practice of these things will allow us to see the beauty of a life that is lived in consecration: a singular dedication to the God who has redeemed it.

III. Conclusion: There is not a lot more to be said (although much more can be said) at this time. To all of us the challenge is to let our whole lives be set apart for God. Your work, your hobbies, everything that is part of your life should be seen as being a testimony or witness for the Lord.

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## **MESSAGE # 2: TOTALLY HIS: A GUARDED HEART**

Biblical passage: Proverbs 4:22-27

#### I. Introduction to the Study

The heart is a term used to define the inner thinking or being of a person. It is not the physical heart that is in view but it represents