

I mean by that we must think prayerfully about how the inner thoughts are expressed. Note in Proverbs 23:17, 19 and also 16:9, 23, with 15:28. These all suggest a monitoring of the expressions of the heart and this is a matter of spiritual thinking and discernment in expression. We do appreciate, as my father often said, those who say what they think but think before they say it.

III. Conclusion: A guarded heart is a vital piece of our total makeup in a spiritual sense. A consecrated life will find many testings to compromise in spiritual values and one of the very best defenses is to have a guarded heart. And please note it is not a fleshly exercise but one of the Spirit, a giving of the life of the believer to God.

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MESSAGE # 3: TOTALLY HIS: CLEAN HANDS AND WILLING FEET

Biblical passage: Psalm 24

I. Introducing the Study:

Psalm 24:4 adds the clean hands to the concept of a pure heart and I fear I have added the willing feet after the concept of yielding in Romans 6. I guess you can call it an "interruption" of the text but I have added it since hands and feet are regarded as the serving instruments of God in the Scripture and any concept of consecration would call for these instruments to be fully committed. The speech figure indicates that our hands are like those of the tabernacle priests who stopped at the laver and washed themselves before further entrance into the service of God and the challenge to us is to see that the tools of service are used for the Lord and kept in accordance with the desire of the Lord.

II. Discussion: In this matter I have divided my material into two camps as will follow:

A. The sacred imagery: