## PROVERBS 4:23

# "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

# ONE AWESOME SERMON: IS YOUR WELLSPRING WELL?

#### Matthew 5:27-32

#### "Do not commit adultery " (Ex. 20:14)

\* 'Adultery' by any other name has the same stench

VS. 28

"looks at a woman lustfully..."

'Looks at' - verb tense suggests continual action

'To lust' "to have the affections directed toward anything (good or bad); to desire, long for" (Clearly negative here)

"has already committed adultery"

#### VSS. 29-30

## Be ruthless with what causes you to sin (Jam. 1:13-14) Graphic imagery here, assumed hyperbole

Private passwords. Hidden social media accounts. Lunch dates with coworkers of opposite sex. Gaming. Unguarded internet usage. Unfiltered library time.

TV 'packages' incl. 'stench for your soul' channels

#### PROV. 4:23-27

#### •Psalm 139:23-24 a plea

•Psalm 51 a brokenness

•1 John 1:9 a hope

•Prov. 4:23-27 a path (Heb. 12:1-2)

#### VSS. 31-32

#### Gen. 2:24 The Severance and Permanence See also 1 Cor. 7

For an expanded view of Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce, see Matt 19:1-12

#### Is the 'exception clause' a green light for divorce?

# What about in light of the 'spirit of the Law' in vss. 27-30?

See Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:16