

**FAMILY LESSONS ON  
THE WELLSPRING OF LIFE**

**Based on Proverbs 4:23**

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**LESSON #2  
WHITER THAN SNOW**

**“Above all else, guard your heart,  
for it is the wellspring of life.”**

*Proverbs 4:23 (NIV84)*

I once heard someone describe his heart as a house where Jesus is invited to live. At the center of that house was a library, the information center of his heart. The pictures and books in the library represented all the images and ideas that would be used to decorate, entertain and inform the rest of the house (*My Heart Christ's Home*, Munger, 1986).

When Christ is invited to live in our heart, He helps us go through the old pictures and books in the library and replaces them with new images and ideas. These changes are intended to give us a completely new life (Romans 6:4). He doesn't just want us to store the old books and pictures in hidden closets and secret places. He wants us to be completely new from basement to attic. He wants to clean house so He can dwell freely in every room.

Thankfully, Jesus has everything we need to be made clean, and he wants to come in and purify us right down to the very center of our being. King David prayed to God, “Wash me and I will be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7). David knew that God could make him pure by changing his heart, no matter how darkened it was by sin. God could make his heart as pure and clean as freshly fallen snow. It's hard to imagine anything whiter than snow, but that is exactly what God wants to do for our heart (Isaiah 1:18).

*What does the apostle Paul say about old things and new things (2 Corinthians 5:17)?*

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