GUARD YOUR THINKING

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he … Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words … Apply your heart to instruction, and **your ears to words of knowledge … Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day; for surely there is a hereafter,** and **your hope will not be cut off. Hear, my son, and be wise; and guide your heart in the way" (Proverbs 23:7, 9, 12, 17-19).**

Leaders understand the importance of their minds to the future of their organizations. Consider some of these timeless principles offered in **Proverbs 23** about our minds and a godly vision for tomorrow.

— Your thoughts determine your character.

— Be careful of your thoughts; they may break into words at any time.

— Don't waste your thoughts on those who don't hunger for them.

— The first person you lead is you, and the first organ you master is your mind.

— Don't let your mind drift away from God's truth and into vain envy.

— Stay confident that your vision will come to pass.

— Discipline your thoughts to remain steadfast in what you know is right.

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