

SERIES TITLE: HOW NOT TO RUIN YOUR LIFE
WEEK 3: THE HIGH COST OF HALF-HEARTEDNESS
ANCHOR TEXTS: PROVERBS 4:23 & 3:5-6

Love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **strength** and with all your **mind**. **Luke 10:27¹ (NIV)**

I. GUARD YOUR HEART OR LOSE YOUR LIFE

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. **Proverbs 15:13 (NIV)**

They feared the Lord but served their own gods. **2 Kings 17:33 (NIV)**

Application: What are you letting in to your life? If the heart is the well-spring of your life, are you filtering it properly to keep it clean?

II. ALL-IN FAITH IS THE ONLY KIND THAT LASTS

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

SO HOW DO WE CULTIVATE THIS KIND OF WHOLEHEARTED, ENDURING FAITH?

1. Daily Surrender, Choice by Choice, Not Occasional Emotion

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. **Luke 9:23 (NIV)**

2. Develop Deep Roots in God's Word

¹ All scripture is NIV unless otherwise stated.

3. Starve the Competing Voices

4. Surround Yourself with Others Who Are All In

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.
Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

WHAT WOULD IT ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO GO ALL IN?