Viruses, Computer Hackers, and the Word of God

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

Information is extremely powerful!

If it is accessed—allowed to be expressed.

Example 1: Computers

Language: software (operating systems and programs)

How do we access (express) this information: we RUN programs (apps). Programming language communicates with Assembly Language communicates with Machine Language accesses hardware.

The result: the desired pixels and sounds are produced on our device. The possibilities: entertainment, communication, business transactions, etc.

Example 2: Living things

Language – DNA (in sequences called genes)

How do the cells access (express) this information: gene expression The cell activates the right gene that DNA code is transcribed into an RNA code, the RNA code is translated into the specific protein.

The result: the desired products, mostly proteins, are made; the cell becomes the cell it should be. The possibilities: an incredible diversity of living organisms.

Our hearts/ spirits

Language –Beliefs, Truth (about God, about us)

How is it accessed (expressed)- **faith** a situation arises, the belief is brought to our mind (often subconscious), we act on it

The result: Fruit is produced (Galatians 5:22-23). Godly emotions, attitudes, and actions. The possibilities: we flourish in life, living out the fullness of who we were meant to be.

Luke 8:1-15

<u>Three Truths from God</u> God loves you. God forgives you. God accepts you.

<u>Attacks</u> Computers: Malware Living things: Viruses and mutations Our Spirits: Lies and distortions

Our protection: Computers: Antimalware software Living things: Immune system Our Spirits: The Holy Spirit, discernment

Needed action: Identify then remove or inactivate the attack

<u>Updates to the information</u> Computers: Software updates Living things: Viruses (and exosomes, etc) Our Spirits: Spiritual Truth (renewing the mind) God's word: carried by the scriptures, by other believers, by God's spirit,

The beliefs we allow access to (express) in our lives create the fruit in our lives.

May we receive the Word of God! May we identify and break agreements with the lies.

May we be fertile soil for God's voice. May we walk in truth. May the seeds of God's Word, of God's truth, sprout, grow roots, produce foliage, and bear fruit.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

May we flourish in life, living out the fullness of who we were meant to be. This is part of what it means to be alive, and to be life giving.