Remember the *Titanic*

The *Titanic* was a British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in the early morning of April 15, 1912, after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City.

Of the 2,224 passengers and crew aboard, more than 1,500 died, making it one of the deadliest commercial peacetime maritime disasters in modern history. At the time it entered service, the *Titanic* was the largest ship afloat.

When the *Titanic* sailed out of Southampton, *Shipbuilder* magazine deemed her practically unsinkable because of 16 watertight bulkheads equipped with electric watertight doors operated by a switch on the bridge.

Four days into the voyage, a lookout spied an iceberg dead ahead. He telephoned the bridge and the captain adjusted their course. He was unaware the ship had sideswiped the iceberg, resulting in a 300-foot gash below the ship's waterline, and that five compartments were filling with

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seawater. The ship could only survive four flooding.

The result was a terrible and sad story about the dangers of human overconfidence and excessive pride.

The Bible warns against failing to guard our hearts. The heart is the control center of our lives. It is the seat of feelings, the will and the mind. It is the core of morals and conscience.

Make no mistake: Those of us who work in health care and in service to seniors require sharp minds and appropriate talents to meet their needs. But it is the heart that compels us, spilling out love and compassion for those we serve and lead.

The heart is the root of our being. It is where God works, guiding us in the mission to which He has called us. It is worth guarding.

Trent Renner, lead pastor of Christ's Church of Fountain Hills, Arizona, puts it this way: "An entire sea of water can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. All the sin in the world can't sink a Christian's soul unless it gets inside."

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23 NKJV).

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