



“Vigilance”

“Vigilance” is a Biblical Storypainting inspired by **Proverbs**, starting with Chapter 4 vs 23.

It is my hope that this Biblical Storypainting inspires some to take another look at this wonderful book, and that it may be somewhat educational, in a fun and beautiful way!

The Story of “Vigilance”

The fountain and water represent the wellspring of life. The water (life) is lifted up, through Jesus (the fish), pumped through the heart, and Faith, Hope and Love flow out, (this represented by the three water spouts), the highest spout being love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 - And so, Faith, Hope and Love remain, But the greatest of these is Love.

The 7 Doves represent the 7 gifts of The Spirit; Isaiah 11:1-3

The rabbits I have included in the painting to represent all the distractions life provides to pull us from Gods will.

What kind of distractions do this in your life?

This painting contains Christian symbolism as well as hidden images.

The Christian Symbolism:

Fish representing Jesus

Doves representing the Holy Spirit

The Peacock represents immortality and also is associated with the Resurrection of Christ.

There are hidden images in this painting to correspond to various verses in Proverbs

Hidden images:

Proverbs 4:24 Mouth

Proverbs 4:25 Eyes

Proverbs 4:26 Shoe

Proverbs 4: 27 Snake (representing evil)

Proverbs 8:1, Proverbs 9:1 Shape of Woman (representing Wisdom)

Proverbs 5:1 Ear

Proverbs 5:19 Doe

Also hidden is a bird/dove; the Holy Spirit



Since this painting is about Love...and is being released prior to Valentines Day, I thought I'd include a fun little nod to just **one** of the "stories" whispering to us, down through the ages, regarding the origins of Valentines Day.

In 3rd Century Rome, during the days of the Emperor Claudius II, there was a Christian priest named Valentine. The Emperor issued an edict stating no young men could marry (he considered unmarried soldiers better fighters than married soldiers). Valentine was marrying people in defiance of the Emperor's edict and was caught and tossed into prison to be executed. While in prison he prayed with a prison guard for the restoration of sight for the man's daughter. She regained her sight, Valentine was executed. The Legend goes, prior to his execution, he wrote the woman a letter and signed it, From Your Valentine.

Strangely, a skull, which is covered with flowers and bears Valentines name, is housed in a glass case, in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome.

The Basilica sits at the top of the mountain in the painting, can you find "Valentine" ???

Happy Valentines Day 2018!

Love to you,
Wendy