

Purer In Heart – Help Me To Be (2)
The Christian's Heart
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Introduction

1. As we begin our study of the pure heart it is important that we understand the heart we are talking about...

I. What Is The Heart

a. The Whole Of Inner Man

- i. It is the control center of the inner man where life is rooted (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7; Luke 6:45)
- ii. The heart is the seat of our emotions, thoughts, understanding, attitudes and will...
 1. Emotions- Joy (Ac 2:26; 14:17), sorrow (Jn 16:6; Rom 9:2, 2 Cor 2:4), conviction (Ac 2:37, 7:54), concern (2 Cor 6:11; Phil 1:7), desire (Rom 10:1), comfort (Col 4:8; Eph 6:22), negativity (lust – Rom 10:4; Matt 5:28; Jas 3:14).
 2. Understanding & Thought – Mark 7:21; Matt 9:4,12:34; Lk 9:47; Heb 4:12; Rom 1:21
 3. Will & Attitude – 2 Cor 9:7; Ac 11:23, 5:3-4; Jn 13:2

II. What Does The Bible Say About This Heart?

a. Scriptures About The Heart

- i. Prov 2:10-13; 3:5-6; 15:28; 21:2
- ii. Psa 51:10; 1 Sam 16:7; 1 Chron 28:9
- iii. Matt 6:21; Rom 10:9-10; 2 Cor 3:3; Eph 3:17; Jm 5:8; Heb 10:22; 3:12

III. What Type Of Heart Do You Have?

a. The Parable Of The Sower – Luke 8:4-15

- i. This parable of Jesus describes a farmer who sows his seed in a field. The seed lands on different types of soil with different results
- ii. Jesus explains this parable in Luke 8:11-15 to which the seed is the Word of God and soil represents people's hearts.

b. What Type Of Heart Do You Have?

- i. Hardened? – A heart that rejects the Word of God and refuses to even listen (Matt 13:14-15). This can even happen to Christians (Heb 3:7-12).
- ii. Stony? – A heart who hears the word and responds by obeying it. He serves until there is trouble and then he drifts away or quits. They have no firm roots in God's Word and shows they were a false Christian.
- iii. Thorny? – A heart of one who obeys when he hears, but even in his obeying the commands, he is not fully committed to serving the Lord. He still has worldly desires that he won't let go. As a result, there is no fruit to show he is a true child of God.
- iv. Good? – The heart of one is receptive and thus it receives the Word of God, takes deep root and then begins to produce fruit. This is the heart we are seeking to have!