

Purer In Heart – Help Me To Be (Introduction To New Series)

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Introduction

1. As Christians we continually have it impressed upon our minds that our service to God must not only be based on following God's commands, but from proper motives as well. The challenge we face in striving to live godly lives is a pure heart.
2. With that in mind we start a series on purifying our heart. Lessons we will study related to having a pure heart will include...
 - a. What is the Christian's heart? What does it mean to be pure?
 - b. The qualities of a pure heart – honesty, sincerity, purposed, virtuous, single-minded, unpolluted, discipline, focus, humility, love etc.
 - c. What are some things that pollute the heart? Examination of the effect of media, words, materialism, poor attitudes, lust, hypocrisy, false teaching etc.
 - d. How can we purify our hearts? Sanctification, focus, repentance, prayer etc.
 - e. Maintaining a pure heart – reaching forward, forgetting the past, keeping busy, reverence, etc.
 - f. Purity throughout our lifetime – as youth, the working years, middle age, the golden years, etc.
 - g. The pure heart in every aspect of our life – our conversation, conduct, relationships, work, worship, home, church, etc.
 - h. Challenges to maintaining a pure heart – the conscience, dealing with doubt and guilt, sincerity and ignorance, temptations, forgiveness, overcoming the world, patience, spiritual boredom.
 - i. Rewards of a pure heart – hope, good conscience, fellowship with God, answered prayers, God's blessings, etc.

I. Why This Study?

- a. The Heart Of The Christian Is At The Foundation Of Everything We Do
 - i. Proverbs 4:23; 23:7; Luke 6:45 – We will better understand the heart of the Christian as it ought to be
- b. Our Need To Be Close To God (a relationship) Calls For A Pure Heart
 - i. Psalm 15:1-2; 24:3-5; Matthew 5:8
- c. The Heart Has A Direct Bearing On How We Treat Each Other As Brethren
 - i. 1 Peter 2:22 – So that we can draw closer to one another
- d. If We Truly Desire To Win Others To Christ, It Will Begin With Purity Of Heart
 - i. Matthew 5:13-16
- e. A Pure Heart Will Cause Us To Live In Such A Way That Will Influence Our Environment For Good (community, work, home, church etc.)
- f. A Pure Heart Is Also An Important Element In Our Security As Christians
 - i. Sure of our salvation – Psalm 7:9; Jeremiah 17:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

II. Purer In Heart In God's Word

- a. Notice The Passages That Talk About The Pure Heart
 - i. Psalm 24:3-5; 73:1; Proverbs 22:11; Matthew 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Peter 1:22; James 4:8; Psalm 51:10; Proverbs 20:9; 1 Peter 3:15; Hebrews 10:22; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13; 1 John 3:1-3
 - ii. God expects us to have a pure heart and my hope is that this study will help you in having a heart that is pure and right with God!