

Purer In Heart (5) – Qualities Of A Pure Heart (1)

***Undivided, Prioritized & Resolved***

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**Introduction**

1. As we resume our study of the pure heart we want to notice some qualities need in order for our heart's to be pure. If these qualities are absent we will need to develop them...

**I. A Pure Heart Is Undivided**

a. One Thing!

- i. The undivided heart is seen in the focus one has in his purpose (Matthew 22:37; Philippians 3:13-14)
- ii. Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 describes our life as a race that we must win. It is an illustration of an athlete who competes and has self-control in all things! The discipline he speaks of demonstrates an undivided purpose.
- iii. Other scriptures to consider: James 1:8; Matthew 14:22-33; Luke 8:14; James 4:8; Psalm 119:2, 34. Is your heart undivided?

**II. A Pure Heart Prioritizes**

a. Seeking First The Kingdom Of God

- i. We live full lives. We have responsibilities, many of them good but, managing everything requires priority. (Matthew 6:33; 13:44-46; 10:34-37; Luke 9:59-62; 10:38-42)
- ii. Priorities means serving God will always be chosen over the things of this world...
  1. It makes preparation: Ezra 7:10
  2. It will tend to matters of the kingdom with haste: Matthew 4:18-20
  3. It involves balance: Colossians 3:17
  4. It means you can't do everything you want to do, even if it is good.  
We must take care of what is most important: Galatians 6:10

**III. A Pure Heart Is Resolved**

a. Making Up Our Minds

- i. What is resolve? Consider these passages that help understand what it really means to make up our mind or being determined (1 Peter 2:21-23; Matthew 16:24; Acts 4:19-20; Philippians 3:12-14; Acts 21:12-13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Ephesians 5:15-16; Romans 12:11; Hebrews 4:11; 12:1-2)
- ii. We should mimic men like Daniel (1:8) who purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. Men like Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego who refused to bow to the king's golden idol (Daniel 3:16-18)
- iii. Are you resolved to keep your heart pure? Resolve is not superficial it is seen in our faithfulness (Hebrews 2:1). It is not deterred by obstacles or dangers!
- iv. The pure of heart will make it up its mind to serve God at all costs!