

Purer In Heart (3) – What Is Purity?
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Introduction

1. In our study thus far, we have seen the need for a pure heart and defined what the heart is. As we continue our theme we want to address the subject of purity...

I. Purity In The Bible

- a. Matthew 5:8, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
 - i. The beatitudes express that the kingdom of God is a kingdom of the heart. It is a matter of heart before it is anything else.
 - ii. The word pure defined: *Katharos* means unmixed, unadulterated, unalloyed. It is morally free from stain, shame, blemish or spot, etc.
 - iii. The pure in heart have unmixed motives that are holy. They pass the test for intimate fellowship with God.
- b. It Used In Several Passages...
 - i. Matthew 25:25-28; 27:59 ; John 13:10-11; Titus 1:15; James 1:27
- c. Other Words For Pure: *Hagnos* – a word that means to take steps to purify yourself. Being without moral defect or blemish.
 - i. 2 Corinthians 7:11; 11:1-3; Philippians 4:8; James 3:17, 4:8; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:3
- d. In summary, purity in God’s Word means something is undiluted and unpolluted

II. What Is A Pure Heart?

- a. A Pure Heart Is Cleansed By The Blood Of Christ – 1 Peter 3:21, 4:1-2
- b. A Pure Heart Lives To Serve God
 - i. 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 6:33, 24; Luke 8:14; James 4:4
- c. A Pure Heart Seeks To Keep Itself Pure
 - i. Matthew 15:16-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
 - ii. Do we want to do the wrong things? How strong is our resistance? If it is weak perhaps, we have heart problems.
- d. A Pure Heart Is Not Afraid To Be Examined
 - i. 2 Corinthians 6:11; 13:5
 - 1. Do we have the Holy Spirit in our heart? (Romans 8:9,16)
 - 2. Do we love the brethren? (not words but with deeds- 1 John 3:14)
 - 3. Do we practice righteousness? (1 John 2:29; 3:9)
 - 4. Have we overcome the world so that we live a life of godly separation? (1 John 5:4)
 - ii. We should not fear examination – Psalm 26:2-5; Acts 25:11; John 8:46; James 4:7-8

Is your heart pure? Our challenge is to honestly examine our motives behind our conduct. Ask yourself if you want God to audit your life. If not, let us resolve to change so that we can purify our hearts!