

In This Study What is a pure heart? (What God's word says about purity of heart) Integrity and Honesty Self-control and Patience Humility and Contentment Kindness, Love and Confidence Dangers to the pure heart Purifying the Heart (Keeping it pure)

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- It is imperative that we maintain a pure heart (Proverbs 4:23, 3:5-6)
- BUT, there are dangers to keeping the heart pure.
- In this lesson we will discuss some of these dangers

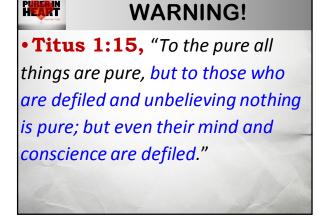
• Psalms 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will

not hear."

WARNING!

• Matthew 12:34-35, "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things."

Mark 7:18-23



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Lust

 The idea of lust is a strong desire to have that which belongs to another or that which you are not entitled to.

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Lust

- Our society is driven by lust
- Sensuality is everywhere television, movies, music, books, magazines, billboards.
- The greatest purveyors of lust are accessible from our homes!
- Lust will rapidly taint our hearts

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Lust

- Matthew 6:22-23, The lamp of the body is the eye ...
- Matthew 5:27-28 Adultery in the heart
- What we allow into our bodies through the eyes affects our heart.
- Romans 1:24, "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves"

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Lust

- We must learn to recognize lust and avoid it!
- **Job 31:1** "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?"
- 1 Peter 2:11, abstain from fleshly lusts
- 2 Timothy 2:22 flee youthful lusts
- 1 John 2:15-17 lust of the flesh, eyes and pride of life

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Lust

Developing Self-Control will help you overcome lust!

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Covetousness

- √The lust for things!
- ✓ Also very prevalent in our society.

 We live in a materialistic world!
- ✓ Ecclesiastes 7:7, "Surely oppression destroys a wise man's reason, And a bribe debases the heart."

Covetousness

- ✓ Luke 8:4-15, especially14. Things will corrupt the heart
- Luke 18:18-23, the rich young ruler!
- Matthew 6:24 you cannot serve 2 masters!



Pride, Selfishness

- ✓ Pride the lust for selfexaltation.
 - One who sees himself better than others and he shows it!
- ✓Pride leads to selfishness one who cares only about himself!
- ✓Selfishness is also a problem in society

Pride, Selfishness

- This can also be a danger in the Lord's church
 - ✓ Selfish members won't give
 - Pride can cause the church to refuse to change
 - Compromise often the product of pride.

Pride, Selfishness

- ▼ The self-serving attitude will NOT complement a pure heart.
- **Proverbs 16:5, 18,** "Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished." "Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."
- 1 John 3:17
- 1 Peter 5:5, God resists the proud

Developing humility contentment will help you overcome pride & selfishness!

Ignorance

• Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

Ignorance

- Ignorance is a danger in society! It has many consequences.
- Ignorance will lead one away from God! We live in times of great spiritual ignorance.
- Sometimes it is WILLFUL ignorance!

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- 1 Timothy 1:13, Acts 26:9, Paul an example of dangers of ignorance!
- Yet his work Acts 26:18
- **Ephesians 4:18,** having their understanding darkened, ... because of the ignorance that is in them ...

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- Romans 16:18, how false teachers work
- **James 1:26**, one who deceives his own heart.



Busyness

- We need to be busy!
- **Titus 2:14** tells us to be "zealous for good works"
- Jesus was busy Acts 10:38,John 9:4

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Busyness

- But busyness is a problem with many today
- It is a danger to the pure heart because:
- It can dilute it and fill it with divided loyalties
- It can distract us from more important matters
- It can cause us to neglect worship, personal study and prayer, and lead to missed opportunities.

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Busyness

- Luke 10:41-42, Martha told, "You are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing
- about many things. But one thing is needed ..."
- Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God"

We need to manage our time wisely! Ephesians 5:15-16

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Bitterness

- Being resentful and ill-willed
- Such dispositions will seriously damage the heart. They hinder development and lead to decisions that poison the pure heart.
- Acts 8:23, Simon was told he was poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.

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Bitterness

- James 3:14, "But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth."
- Ephesians 4:31
- Proverbs 26:24-26, 1 John 4:20, hatred is often the product of bitterness



