



PURE IN HEART

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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Make up your mind!

- ❖ **Joshua 24:15**, *"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve"*
- ❖ RESOLVE that you are going to live a godly life!
Determination, "stubbornness"

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- ❖ Determine that NOTHING is going to stand in your way!
Acts 21:12-13
- ❖ **Philippians 3:12-14**, *"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"*

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- ❖ Determine that Satan will NOT win the battle!
- ❖ Satan is your enemy! He wants to defeat you! **1 Peter 5:8**
- ❖ IF you are not what you ought to be, Satan is having his way with you!

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Do you despise him enough to do something about it?
Ephesians 4:27
1 Peter 5:8-9

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- ❖ Instead, CHOOSE life!
- ❖ **Colossians 3:1-2**
- ❖ **1 John 4:4** – God is greater!
- ❖ **Matthew 6:24**, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**”

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We do what we want to do!

PURE IN HEART **Sanctify Him in your Heart**

- ❖ **1 Peter 3:15**, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”

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- ❖ **Sanctify**, ἁγιάζω (hagiazō), “to feel reverence for or to honor as holy. To hallow, to regard as holy, to honor as holy” (L&N, 88.27)

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- ❖ **Sanctify**, ἁγιάζω (hagiazō), From the same Greek word that we translate holy and saint.

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- ❖ To the degree we despise the devil, we need to reverence God!
- ❖ He is holy! He is pure! He is almighty God!
- ❖ **Matthew 6:9**, “Hallowed be Your name.”

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Realize we are in His presence!
Reverence Him!
Hebrews 12:28-29
Revelation 4:8

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- ❖ **James 4:8**, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”
- ❖ Let Him dwell within you!
Romans 8:9-11. He **MUST** influence us in our lives
- ❖ That will **ONLY** happen if we sanctify Him in our hearts!

PURE IN HEART Chose your associates carefully

- **1 Corinthians 15:33**, “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits.”

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- **WHO** do we choose to associate with? **Proverbs 1:10, 15**
- **WHAT** do we associate with?
 What type of media is influencing you? Where do you go?

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- **WHERE** do you attend? What church are you a part of?
- **Ephesians 5:25-27, Acts 20:28**, Christ died to purify the church
- The impure church – **1 Corinthians 5:6, Revelation 2 & 3**

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- We must seek for a church that strives for purity in God’s eyes! One that **REFUSES** to compromise in work, worship and teaching. One that will not tolerate immorality!
- A pure church can help keep you pure ...
- **BUT it also requires YOUR purity!**

PURE IN HEART **Be zealous for good**

- Our lives should be filled with good works and obedience.
- It is not enough to purge impurity. **Matthew 12:43-45** – an “empty house” invites impurity.

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- What we do must be with diligence and fervor **Titus 2:14, Romans 12:11**
- “Take time to be holy”

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- Study God’s word! **Psalms 119:9-11**
- Spend time in prayer – **1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2, Romans 12:12, etc.**
- *Seven days without prayer makes one weak!*
- Participate in the Lord’s church! “Invest” in her!
- Do good for all – **Galatians 6:10**

PURE IN HEART **Simplify your life**


- We live in a driven society. Time more valuable than money for some.
- Do we become obsessed with work, recreation, a hobby, etc.?
- **Get rid of the clutter!**
- **Ephesians 5:15-16, Colossians 4:5**

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- Satan will do anything he can to distract us and keep us too busy to give God the time He deserves!
- **Luke 10:38-42**, “one thing”
- Also **Philippians 3:13-14**, “one thing I do ...”
- **Luke 8:14** – the “thorny ground”

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- Everyone needs a quiet place and time – a place where we can think and clear our minds!
- WE need time for “maintenance”!
- **Philippians 4:8**, “Meditate on these things”

 **Examine Yourself**


- From time to time we need evaluation!
- **2 Corinthians 13:5**, *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified.”*

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- A pure heart will not fear investigation.
- **Psalms 26:2-5**, *“Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.”* **Psalms 139:23-24**
- Do you dread a “spiritual audit”?

 **Examine Yourself**

Examination is worthless if we don't apply what we have learned!

 **Conclusion:**

- Heaven is a place for **the pure of heart**. Your wealth, fame and power won't matter. NOR can you purchase your salvation. **Matthew 5:8, Psalms 24:3-4**
- **Matthew 16:26**, *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”*



Is your heart right with God?