

## In This Study Very 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)

### PURER IN HEART

- « Matthew 5:8
- The heart the whole of the inner man. Where religious and moral conduct are rooted. Seat of our intellect, emotions, attitudes, thoughts and will.
- Purity undiluted and unpolluted

### PURERIN HEART

### Integrity!

- Integrity, "Adherence to moral or ethical principles; soundness of moral character, honesty." (Random House)
- "A sound, unimpaired, or perfect condition"

### PURERIN HEART

### Integrity!

- Integrity, One whose character is upright and above reproach.
   His life is "intact" and it will NOT fall apart when tested.
- Virtuous, uncompromising, honorable, genuine, upright.

### PURERIN HEART

### Integrity!

The opposite of hypocrisy – Matthew 23:14, Luke 18:9-14

### Integrity!

\*Titus 2:6-8, young men, "sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence ..." "uncorruptness" (KJV, ASV)

### Integrity!

- Peter 1:5, "giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue, to virtue knowledge…"
- Necessary BEFORE one can apply the knowledge of God's word.

### Integrity!

Philippians 1:27-29, "only let your, conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ ..."

### Integrity!

\*1 Peter 1:6-7, "the genuineness of your faith being much more precious than gold, thought it is tested, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not see you love."

### Integrity!

- \* Proverbs 10:9, "He who walks with integrity walks securely"
- \* Proverbs 11:3, "The integrity of the upright will guide them ..."
- \* Proverbs 19:1, "Better is the poor who walks in his integrity ..."
- Psalms 7:8-10, "according to my integrity within me ..."

### Integrity!

- \* Job Job 1:8, 21-22, 2:3, 10, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"
- "In all this Job did not sin."

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- "...'Shall we indeed accept good from God and shall we not accept adversity?' In all this Job did not sin."

### Integrity!

- \* Daniel Daniel 6:3-5

  "...they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful, ... We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."
- Daniel 6:10, "... as was his custom since early days."

### Integrity! \*Paul – Acts 20:18-20, 2627; 2 Corinthians 11:512, etc. \*Jesus – John 8:46

# Integrity! In all these examples as in our lives: 1 Peter 3:15-16 1 Peter 2:11-12

Integrity!

Necessary for leaders in the church
Elders – 1 Timothy 3:2
Deacons – 1 Timothy 3:10
Preachers – 1 Timothy
4:12, 16

\*The pure heart will manifest integrity! It will NOT allow its character to be diminished by wrongful actions or words. It will NOT be morally corrupted.

Convictions without and within!

### Integrity! Seen in one's view of God's word cf. Acts 17:11 James 1:21, "receive with meekness the implanted word..."

# Integrity! It is something you either have or you don't BUT you can develop it! Make up your mind. cf. 2 Corinthians 7:11

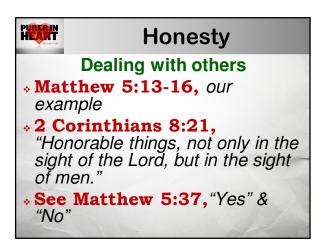
### Honesty

- A quality revealed in our integrity
- Honesty, "Fairness or straightforwardness of conduct, adherence to the facts."
- One who is absolutely truthful and can be fully trusted.

### Honesty

- We must be truthful Ephesians 4:25, "Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,..."
- \*Revelation 21:8 "... and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.""

## Examining and applying God's word! \*2 Timothy 2:15, "rightly dividing the word of truth" \*cf. 2 Peter 3:16 \*IF we want to please God we must be brutally honest in our studies!



# Making judgments Matthew 7:1-5, be careful in judging. BUT, see verse 6, John 7:24 Addressing prejudice, ignorant conclusions, assuming the worst, etc.

