



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**
- ✓ Qualities of an Impure Heart
(Dangers to the pure heart)
- ✓ Purifying the Heart (Keeping it pure)

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Kindness

- ❖ "Serviceable, good, pleasant."
(Vine's)
- ❖ "To provide something beneficial as an act of Kindness" (L&N, 88.67)
- ❖ ONE who acts in a pleasant and helpful manner toward others. He is NOT hateful.

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Kindness

- ❖ Lacking in society in many places.
- ❖ Rudeness prevalent in media
- ❖ Also in social media
- ❖ **How much more gracious would society be if all practiced kindness?**

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Kindness

- **Demonstrated by God**
- Titus 3:4**, "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared"
- (Ephesians 2:7)**
- Luke 6:35** "... For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."

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- ❖ **1 Corinthians 13:4** – Love is kind!
- ❖ **Ephesians 4:32**, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted..."
- ❖ **Galatians 5:22**, a fruit of the Spirit

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- ❖ **2 Peter 1:7**, “*brotherly kindness ...*”
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Developing Kindness

- ❖ Apply self-control, humility, patience, etc.
- ❖ Be familiar with the decorum of society – be courteous – **1 Corinthians 13:5, 1 Peter 3:8**, “*Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous*”

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Developing Kindness

- ❖ Courtesy/Decorum
1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 “*that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing*”

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Developing Kindness

- ❖ Remember the “Golden Rule”
Matthew 7:12
- ❖ THINK before you speak!
James 1:19
- ❖ Realize the impact of hateful conduct!

PURE IN HEART **Love (ἀγάπη)**

- ❖ ἀγάπη (agape)
- ❖ “*to love, to be full of good will, to exhibit the same*” (Thayer)
- ❖ “*the characteristic word of Christianity.*” (Vine’s)

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- ❖ Always presented prominently in lists **Galatians 5:22-23, 2 Peter 1:7, Colossians 3:12-14**
- ❖ *Caring enough to sacrifice for what is best.*

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- ❖ The motive that governs every relationship we are in
- ❖ God's love – **John 3:16**
- ❖ Jesus' love – **John 15:13**
- ❖ Our love for Him – **Mark 12:30-31**
- ❖ Our brethren – **John 13:34-35**
- ❖ Family – **Ephesians 5:25-33**
- ❖ Neighbors – **Galatians 5:14, James 2:8**
- ❖ Enemies – **Matthew 5:43-44**

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- ❖ Its importance, **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
- ❖ Suffers long – **Patience**
- ❖ Is Kind - **Kindness**
- ❖ Does not envy – **content**
- ❖ Does not parade itself – **humility**
- ❖ Does not behave rudely - **Kindness**

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- ❖ **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
- ❖ Does not seek its own – **Unselfish**
- ❖ Is not provoked – **self-control**
- ❖ Thinks no evil – **gives the benefit of the doubt**

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- ❖ **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
- ❖ Does not rejoice in iniquity, rejoices in truth – **not endorsing ungodliness**
- ❖ Bears all things, believes all things, endures all things
- ❖ Never fails – **always there!**

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- ❖ **Matthew 22:37**, *Love God with all your heart, soul and mind.*
- ❖ **2 Thessalonians 3:5**, *Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God.*

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- ❖ **2 Timothy 2:22**, *Flee youthful lusts, pursue righteousness, faith, love ... out of a pure heart*
- ❖ **1 Peter 1:22**, *Love one another fervently with a pure heart.*

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- ❖ **Romans 5:5**, *“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts”* (cf. **1 John 4:19**)

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- ❖ That the pure heart is motivated by love is seen in numerous other texts
- ❖ **Romans 12:9**, *“Let love be without hypocrisy.”*
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 8:1**, *“Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.”*

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- ❖ How is love demonstrated?
- ❖ By loving God – **1 John 4:19**, Obeying Him – **John 14:15**, **1 John 5:3**
- ❖ By loving others – **Matthew 22:39**, **John 13:34-35**, **Romans 13:8-10**

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- ❖ How is love demonstrated?
- ❖ Forgiveness, a practical example to consider **Matthew 6:14-15** (cf. **Luke 15:11-31**)
- ❖ **Matthew 18:21-22**, – How often? 70x7, **Luke 17:3-4**
- ❖ **Colossians 3:13**

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Confident

- ❖ Belief in the certainty of something. One's assurance that he is right.
- ❖ While we need humility, we also need confidence!
- ❖ We need to be sure of our salvation and confident in our abilities as we develop – see **2 Peter 1:5-11**

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Confident

- ❖ **2 Timothy 1:7**, *“God has not given us a spirit of fear ...”*
- ❖ **1 John 4:18**, *“perfect love casts out fear ...”*
- ❖ **Romans 12:3**, *“Not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think ...”*
- ❖ **James 1:6-7**, *“let him ask in faith.”*



Confident

- ❖ WHY is a pure heart confident?
- ❖ Because it is undivided, has integrity & honesty, and has learned self-control, patience, humility and love.
- ❖ **1 John 3:20-21**



Confident

- ❖ When we have this confidence, we are at peace
- ❖ **Philippians 4:6-7**, “... and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”
- ❖ **Colossians 3:12-15** – “... let the peace of God rule in your hearts”



**May these qualities
give us pure
confidence!**