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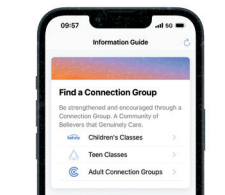


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INSIDE OUT PURITY

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Text: Matthew 5:8

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

INTRODUCTION

“And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.” (Zechariah 13:8–9)

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” (Isaiah 57:15)

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

1. A PURE HEART _____

A. _____

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)

“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.” (1 John 3:20)

EMOTIONS

“Let not your heart be troubled...” (John 14:1)

“Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; And gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe To come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.” (Isaiah 30:29)

INTELLECT

“Why reason ye, these things in your hearts?” (Mark 2:8)

WILL

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself” (Daniel 1:8)

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;” (Ephesians 3:17)

B. _____

NO GUILE

INTEGRITY

“And I will give them one heart” (Jeremiah 32:39)

“My heart is fixed...” (Psalm 57:7)

“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Timothy 2:22)

Quote: “The man whose heart is pure, will be able to see God in nature. When the heart is clean, he will hear God’s footfall everywhere in the garden of the earth in the cool of the day. He will hear God’s voice in the tempest, sounding in peal on peal from the tops of the mountains. He will behold the Lord walking on the great and mighty waters, or see him in every leaf that trembles in the breeze. Once get the heart right, and then God can be seen everywhere. To an impure heart, God cannot be seen anywhere; but to a pure heart God is to be seen everywhere.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

2. A PURE HEART _____

A. _____

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.” (Matthew 12:34)

Quote: “The heart, of course, is the source of all our trouble. We are prone to blame people and circumstances, and even God, for the wrong things that we do; but the heart is really the culprit.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

“If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:26-27)

B. _____

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.” (Psalm 139:23)

“Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.” (Proverbs 21:2)

“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God.” (Colossians 3:22)

Quote: “Freedom is having a pure and dauntless heart; all else is slavery and hidden in darkness.”

C. _____

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” (James 4:8)

“And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.” (Jeremiah 24:7)

HOW DOES GOD CHANGE OUR HEART

1. Through the Word

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm 119:11)

2. Through Prayer

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139:23-24)

“Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.” (Psalm 19:12-14)

3. Through Trials

“Before I was afflicted I went astray: But now have I kept thy word.” (Psalm 119:67)

D. _____ Your Heart

*“Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.”
(Proverbs 4:23)*

Quote: “A good conscience is a continual Christmas.”
—Benjamin Franklin

3. A PURE HEART _____

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (John 1:18)

“Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:16)

“And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. 21 And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.” (Exodus 33:20–23)

A. In _____

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament sheweth his handywork.” (Psalm 19:1)

B. In _____

*“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”
(2 Corinthians 4:4)*

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:6)

C. In _____

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (1 John 5:14–15)

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

D. In the _____

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” (John 5:39)

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” (Matthew 12:34–35)

CONCLUSION

Quote: “The highest joy of man comes from cultivating the deepest part of man—the Heart! When the heart is pure the vision is clear...”
—Warren Wiersbe



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