

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

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Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 5:8

- **WITHOUT CHRIST, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PURE HEART.**

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind..."

Jeremiah 17:9-10

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity...

Ephesians 4:18-19

- **WE ARE NOT JUST CHRIST FOLLOWERS**
- **WE ARE CHRIST-CENTERED FOLLOWERS**

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

Psalms 119:9-10

How can our church stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. We will seek you with all of our hearts; do not let us stray from Your commands.

CREATING A CULTURE OF PURITY

1) GET YOUR OWN HEART RIGHT.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23

2) REACT TO THE HEART.

...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

3) PURSUE PERFECT PURITY OF THE HEART.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Ephesians 5:3

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10