



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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- ❖ **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 unpoluted

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Integrity!

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

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- ❖ 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.

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

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- ❖ **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)

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- ❖ **2 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.

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- ❖ **Philippians 1:27-29**, “only let your, **conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ ...**”

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

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- ❖ **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 ...”

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- ❖ **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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- ❖ **Job – Job 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? And still he holds fast to his integrity ...”
- ❖ “... ‘Shall we indeed accept good from God and shall we not accept adversity?’ In all this Job did not sin.”

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- ❖ **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.”

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- ❖ **Paul – Acts 20:18-20, 26-27; 2 Corinthians 11:5-12, etc.**
- ❖ **Jesus – John 8:46**

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- ❖ **In all these examples as in our lives:**
1 Peter 3:15-16
1 Peter 2:11-12

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

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- ❖ **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!

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

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

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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.**

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- ❖ 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."*

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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!**

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Dealing with others

- ❖ **Matthew 5:13-16**, *our example*
- ❖ **2 Corinthians 8:21**, *"Honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but in the sight of men."*
- ❖ **See Matthew 5:37**, *"Yes" & "No"*



Honesty

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.



Honesty

Don't lie to yourself!

- ❖ A big problem to consider!
- ❖ An increasingly popular tactic – redefining terms, etc.
cf. Matthew 15:3-6



Does your heart manifest integrity & honesty?