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**Those motives are found in the Pure Heart**

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HELP ME TO BE

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### 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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### What is the heart?

- ❖ The human heart is incredible – Beats 100,000 times a day pumping some 2000 gallons of blood through 60,000 miles of blood vessels. It delivers nutrients to every cell of the body. Over the average lifetime it will beat some 2.5 BILLION times



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### What is the heart?

- ❖ The human heart is NOT the heart that we are concerned with.
- ❖ Though it is this organ the Bible compares our spiritual life to. As the heart is essential to life, so is the spiritual heart to spiritual life.

**PURE IN HEART** **What is the heart?**

- ❖ **The whole of the inner man**
- ❖ The control center of our spirit.
- ❖ IT is where religious life and moral conduct are rooted
- ❖ The seat of our intellect, emotions, attitudes, thoughts and will.

**PURE IN HEART** **The Heart in God's Word**

- ✓ **Proverbs 4:23**, "**Keep your heart with all diligence**, For out of it spring the issues of life."
- ✓ **Proverbs 3:5-6**, "**Trust in the lord with all your heart**, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."

**PURE IN HEART** **The Heart in God's Word**

- **Luke 6:45**, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. **For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**"

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- ✓ **Mark 12:30**, "And you shall love the LORD your God **with all your heart**, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment."

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- ✓ **Romans 10:8-10**, "But what does it say? "The word is near you, **in your mouth and in your heart**" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved ..."

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- ✓ **Romans 10:8-10**, "... For **with the heart one believes unto righteousness**, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

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## Purity

- ❖ Purity can mean either something undiluted or unpolluted. BOTH apply to our spiritual hearts!
- ❖ καθαρός (katharos)  
“Free from impure admixture, without blemish, spotless...ethically, with the significance of being free from corrupt desire, from guilt.” (Vines)

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## Purity in the Bible

- ❖ καθαρός (katharos)
- **Titus 1:15**, “to the *pure* all things are *pure*, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is *pure*; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.”

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## Purity in the Bible

- ❖ καθαρός (katharos)
- ❖ **James 1:27**, “*Pure* and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

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## Purity in the Bible

- ❖ ἁγνός (Hagnos)
- ❖ “Pertaining to being without moral defect or blemish and hence pure.” (L&N 88.28)
- ❖ **2 Corinthians 7:11**, “you proved yourself *clear* ...”

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## Purity in the Bible

- ❖ ἁγνός (Hagnos)
- ❖ **2 Corinthians 11:2**, “that I may present you to Christ a *chaste* virgin ...”
- ❖ **Philippians 4:8**, “whatever things are *pure* ... think on these things.”

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## Purity in the Bible

- ❖ ἁγνός (Hagnos)
- ❖ **James 3:17**, “Wisdom from above is first *pure* ...”
- ❖ **1 John 3:3** “and everyone who has this hope *purifies* himself, just as He is *pure*.”

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### It's Importance

**Our need to be close to God**

- ✓ **Matthew 5:8** – to see God
- ✓ **Psalms 24:3-5**, *“Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and **a pure heart**, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully ...”* (cf. **Psalms 15:1-2**)

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### It's Importance

**The heart has a direct bearing on how we treat each other as brethren**

- ✓ **1 Peter 1:22**
- ✓ If our heart is right, we will properly care about and for one another

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### It's Importance

**If we desire to win others to Christ, it begins with a pure heart**

- ✓ The way we influence the world will correlate to the quality of our hearts
- ✓ **Matthew 5:13-16**

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### It's Importance

**A pure heart will cause us to live to be a positive influence within our environment**

- ✓ We need purity of heart in our homes, at work, in the community and within the church.

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### In God's word

- ✓ **Proverbs 22:11**, *“He who loves **purity of heart** And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.”*

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### In God's word

- ✓ **1 Timothy 1:5**, *“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from **a pure heart**, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith”*

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✓ **2 Timothy 2:22**, *"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of **a pure heart**."*

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### In God's word

✓ **1 Peter 1:22**, *"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with **a pure heart**."*

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### In God's word

✓ **James 4:8**, *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded."*

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### In God's word

✓ **Acts 15:9**, *"and made no distinction between us and them, **purifying their hearts** by faith."*

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### In God's word

- ✓ Other descriptions of the heart
- ✓ **Psalms 51:10, Proverbs 20:9** – a clean heart
- ✓ **1 Peter 3:15** – sanctify the Lord God in your heart
- ✓ **Hebrews 10:22** – a true heart
- ✓ **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13** establish your hearts blameless in holiness

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### How to Purify Your Heart

- ❖ In becoming a child of God, you cannot purify yourself of sin.
- ❖ One must take the necessary steps to have his sins washed away

**H-B-R-C-B** (cf. **Acts 22:16**)



## Maintaining a Pure Heart

- ❖ We must remain faithful to God.
- ❖ **1 John 3:3-6** speaks of purifying himself
- ❖ When we sin, we take care of it **1 John 1:9**



## Is your heart pure?