



**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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- ❖ It is imperative that we maintain a pure heart **(Proverbs 4:23, 3:5-6)**
- ❖ BUT, there are dangers to keeping the heart pure.
- ❖ In this lesson we will discuss some of these dangers

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## WARNING!

- **Psalms 66:18**, "*If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.*"

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## WARNING!

- **Matthew 12:34-35**, "*Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.*"

**Mark 7:18-23**

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## WARNING!

- **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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## Lust

- The idea of lust is a strong desire to have that which belongs to another or that which you are not entitled to.

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## Lust

- **Our society is driven by lust**
- Sensuality is everywhere – television, movies, music, books, magazines, billboards.
- The greatest purveyors of lust are accessible from our homes!
- **Lust will rapidly taint our hearts**

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## Lust

- **Matthew 6:22-23**, The lamp of the body is the eye ...
- **Matthew 5:27-28** – Adultery in the heart
- What we allow into our bodies through the eyes affects our heart.
- **Romans 1:24**, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves”

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## Lust

- **We must learn to recognize lust and avoid it!**
- **Job 31:1** “I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?”
- **1 Peter 2:11**, abstain from fleshly lusts
- **2 Timothy 2:22** – flee youthful lusts
- **1 John 2:15-17** – lust of the flesh, eyes and pride of life

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## Lust

**Developing Self-Control will help you overcome lust!**

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## Covetousness

- ✓ The lust for things!
- ✓ Also very prevalent in our society. We live in a materialistic world!
- ✓ **Ecclesiastes 7:7**, “Surely oppression destroys a wise man’s reason, And a bribe debases the heart.”

**PURE IN HEART** **Covetousness**

- ✓ **Luke 8:4-15, especially 14.** Things will corrupt the heart
- **Luke 18:18-23**, the rich young ruler!
- **Matthew 6:24** – you cannot serve 2 masters!

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**Learning contentment will help you overcome covetousness!**

**PURE IN HEART** **Pride, Selfishness**

- ✓ Pride – the lust for self-exaltation.  
One who sees himself better than others and he shows it!
- ✓ Pride leads to selfishness – one who cares only about himself!
- ✓ **Selfishness is also a problem in society**

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- ✓ This can also be a danger in the Lord's church
- ✓ **Selfish members won't give**
- ✓ **Pride can cause the church to refuse to change**
- ✓ **Compromise often the product of pride.**

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- ✓ The self-serving attitude will NOT complement a pure heart.
- **Proverbs 16:5, 18**, *"Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished."*  
*"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."*
- **1 John 3:17**
- **1 Peter 5:5**, God resists the proud

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**Developing humility contentment will help you overcome pride & selfishness!**

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## Ignorance

- **Hosea 4:6**, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”*

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## Ignorance

- Ignorance is a danger in society! It has many consequences.
- Ignorance will lead one away from God! **We live in times of great spiritual ignorance.**
- Sometimes it is **WILLFUL** ignorance!

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## Ignorance

- **1 Timothy 1:13, Acts 26:9**, Paul an example of dangers of ignorance!
- Yet his work – **Acts 26:18**
- **Ephesians 4:18**, having their understanding darkened, ... because of the ignorance that is in them ...

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## Ignorance

- **Romans 16:18**, how false teachers work
- **James 1:26**, one who deceives his own heart.

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## Ignorance

**Bible study will help overcome ignorance**  
**2 Timothy 2:15**

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## Busyness

- We need to be busy!
- **Titus 2:14** tells us to be *“zealous for good works”*
- Jesus was busy – **Acts 10:38, John 9:4**



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## Busyness

- But busyness is a problem with many today
- It is a danger to the pure heart because:
  - It can dilute it and fill it with divided loyalties
  - It can distract us from more important matters
  - It can cause us to neglect worship, personal study and prayer, and lead to missed opportunities.

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## Busyness

- **Luke 10:41-42**, Martha told, *“You are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed ...”*
- **Matthew 6:33**, *“Seek first the kingdom of God”*

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## Busyness

**We need to manage our time wisely!**  
**Ephesians 5:15-16**

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## Bitterness

- Being resentful and ill-willed
- Such dispositions will seriously damage the heart. They hinder development and lead to decisions that poison the pure heart.
- **Acts 8:23**, Simon was told he was poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.

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## Bitterness

- **James 3:14**, *“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.”*
- **Ephesians 4:31**
- **Proverbs 26:24-26, 1 John 4:20**, hatred is often the product of bitterness

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## Bitterness

**Developing love will overcome bitterness!**



*"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered."*

**Proverbs 28:26**

**Is your heart pure?**