



God's Pathway to Wholeness: Be Pure

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Mt. 5:8

- Blessed – joy untouchable
- Pure – unmixed with any other matter
- Heart – personality, inner life, character
- See – come to know, perceive the meaning of

On the pathway to wholeness your inner self becomes undistracted and focused on God. You start to see God in everything.

What are the distractions that keep us from "seeing God"?

Compare Genesis 3:1-7; Luke 4:1-13; 1 John 2:15-17

- ⇒ Lust of the flesh – What you lack but think you need.
- ⇒ Lust of the eyes – What you don't have but you want.
- ⇒ The pride of life – What you are missing that you think will give you value.

4 steps to gain and maintain a pure heart.

1. See the first 5 beatitudes!
2. Pray and ask God for a pure heart.

"Teach me Your way, O Lord and I will walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name." Ps. 86:11

3. Guard your heart and remove the things in your life that you know are not pure.

"Above all else guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23

"Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles." Heb. 12:1

4. Saturate your mind with the things that you know are pure.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2

Thoughts as we linger before the Lord

1. Are the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes or pride of life keeping me from being focused on God? What am I doing to resist or remove them?
2. Do I see God in everything? If not, why not?
3. What of the 4 steps taught today must I increase to receive God's undivided heart?