



Heartbeats along the way: The Pure-Hearted

Matthew 5:8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

What is a pure heart? At first blush, I think it's easier to say what is not a pure heart: everything that puts our self first and everything else a distant second.

I believe a pure heart is one that is stayed in Christ. It is a heart that considers others before self. In fact, a pure heart is very much like what Paul describes in the "Love Chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, or like the Fruit of the Spirit Paul describes in Galatians 5.

Over the past several Sundays, Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira have challenged us to Live like Jesus. We've been listening to sermons on what Jesus would say to different segments of humanity. These messages are inspirational, instructional, and important to us, because we often lose sight of the goal to Live like Jesus.

As our excitement grows with the progress on our new Worship Center, may we seek God's help to free ourselves from anything that would make our hearts impure. This will take self-discipline and the encouragement of others.

And as we let Christ's blessing of purity of heart control our thoughts, deeds, and actions, we will become a people ready to live more like Jesus.

"Lord Jesus, purify our hearts that we may see You. May we see You in the faces and lives of the sisters and brothers of our church fellowship. May we see You in the faces of the stranger, the visitor, the homeless, the needy, the addict, and in those who do not know of Your Law of Love for all. We confess that we cannot do this by ourselves. Please grant us the blessing of a pure heart. In Your Holy Name, Amen."

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