

- I. A pure heart isn't *_natural_* or *_normal_*
- Prov 4:23; 6:14, 18, 25;
Prov 12:25; 13:12; 14:10;
Prov 14:13; 15:30; 16:9;
Prov 18:12; 19:3; 23:17;
Prov 23:7; I Sam 16:7;
II Chron 16:9a;
Eph 1:18; 3:16-17
- A. *_Human_* hearts *_harbor_*
the *_hideous_*
- Prov 22:15a; Jer 17:9;
Mark 7:21-23; Ecc 8:11;
Prov 20:9; 29:18
- B. The world approves *_impurity_*
- Rom 1:29-32; I Pet 2:11;
Prov 7:6-27; 10:20;
- II. A pure heart *_requires_* two
wonders and *_requires_*
two *_workers_*
- A. A pure heart is *_cleaned_* up and
filled up
- Acts 8:1; 9:1; 20:26
I Tim 1:13b; I John 1:9;
Matt 5:3-5:7; I Tim 1:5;
James 1:27
- B. Purity takes *_cooperative_*
work
- I Cor 3:6-8; I Pet 2:1-3;
Ps 51:10; I John 1:9;
Ps 101:3; 119:9;
James 5:16
- III. The pure in heart will *_see_* *_God_*
- Ex 19:21; 33:20;
John 1:18a; I Tim 6:16;
Heb 11:27; I John 3:1-3
- A. The pure in heart have *_eyes_* to
see
- Acts 28:27; Matt 6:21-23;
Titus 1:15
- B. The pure in heart *_know_* *_Him_*
- Phil 3:10
- C. They *_seek_* Him
- Prov 8:17;
Jer 29:13

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Text: Matthew 5:8

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2. What does the Bible mean when it speaks of the “heart”? Can you list some verses (maybe not the references but the essence) that contribute to the biblical picture?
3. What, according to the Word, is the natural condition of our hearts? Can you give an illustration of that from the Bible? From your life?
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5. A pure heart means, on the one hand, cleaned up. How is that possible? Who can do that and what does it take? (How do the beatitudes illustrate that?)
6. A pure heart is not only cleaned up but _____ up (see sermon notes or figure it out from the beatitudes). With what? What might be some evidence that it is that way (again, from the beatitudes)?
7. A pure heart takes at least two cooperating. What are some of the contributions God makes in creating a pure heart? What are some of the contributions each person can make? How does a small group fit into this work?
8. Isn't seeing God impossible? How can Jesus say we can see Him?
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