

The Beatitudes – The Road To Happiness #6

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“Turn Your Happiness Inside Out”

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

Pure = _____

Heart = _____

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Genesis 6:5 (NIV) The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

Pure in Heart = _____

Matthew 6:1 (NIV) Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

To develop a pure heart I need to:

1. Always remember _____

Matthew 6:4,6,18 (NIV) Your Father, who sees what is done in secret. . .

Hebrews 4:13 (NIV) Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

2. _____

Proverbs 24:12 (GN) God knows and judges your motives. He keeps watch over you; He knows. And He will reward you according to what you do.

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Matthew 6:2 (NIV) when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

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Matthew 6:5 (NIV) when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT) Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts.

John 12:42-43 (NIV) ⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

3. _____

Exodus 20:3 (NIV) You shall have no other gods before me.

Testing my priorities:

• Look at my _____

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV) ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

• Look at my _____

Matthew 6:25 (NIV) I tell you, do not worry about your life. . .

• Look at my _____

Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV) ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Results of having a pure heart:

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Psalms 51:10 (NIV) Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

September memory verse: Matthew 6:21 (NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.