



**Different - Part 2 - Different Motive**  
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For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:20

**Jesus' Problem with the Pharisees and Religious Leaders**

- They didn't **PRACTICE** what they **PREACHED**. (Matthew 23:1-4)
- They lived for **HUMAN** praise. (Matthew 23:5-7)
- They kept people from **KNOWING GOD**. (Matthew 23:13)
- They ignored the condition of their **HEART**. (Matthew 23:25-28)

**A DIFFERENT MOTIVE**

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

**A PURE HEART**

**1) Allow God to EXAMINE my heart.**

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? - Jeremiah 17:9

<sup>21</sup> You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder'... <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. - Matthew 5:21-22

<sup>27</sup> You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

<sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- Matthew 5:27-28

**2) TRUST in Jesus to cleanse my heart.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. - Psalm 51:10

<sup>13</sup> Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

<sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. - Matthew 7:13-14

**3) Do MY PART to keep a pure heart.**

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.  
- Matthew 5:48

**4) Remember the BLESSING.**

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

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart.

- Psalm 24:3-4