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the end of me

Where Real Life Begins...

Authentic to be Accepted

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

The End of Me comes

1. when I stop positioning

Matthew 23:1 *Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. . . . 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;*

2. when I stop performing

Matthew 23:5 *"Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long . . ."*

Matthew 6:2 *"So 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. . . ."*

3. when I stop pretending

Matthew 23:3 *So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.*

Matthew 23:25 *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.*

Real Life Begins when I am pure in heart.

1. A pure heart comes through God's cleansing.

Proverbs 20:9 *Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

2. A pure heart is maintained by obedience.

1 Peter 1:22 *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart*

3. A pure heart pleases God.

Psalms 24:3 *Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

4. A pure heart protects our body and our spirit.

2 Corinthians 7:1 . . . let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

5. A pure heart produces fruitful relationships.

Proverbs 22:11 He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.

6. A pure heart allows us to see God.

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