BLESS THIS HOME—2 PURE IN HEART

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

• WITHOUT CHRIST, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A <u>PURE</u> HEART.

The <u>heart</u> is <u>deceitful above all things</u> and <u>beyond cure</u>. Who can understand it? 10 "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind... Jeremiah 17:9-10

They are <u>darkened in their understanding</u> and <u>separated from the life of God</u> because of the ignorance that is in them due to the <u>hardening of their hearts</u>. 19 Having <u>lost all sensitivity</u>, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in <u>every kind of impurity</u>... Ephesians 4:18-19

- WE ARE NOT JUST A CHRISTIAN FAMILY.
- WE ARE A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME.

How can a young person stay on the path of <u>purity</u>? By living according <u>to your word</u>. 10 <u>I seek you with all my heart</u>; do not let me stray from your commands. Psalm 119:9-10

How can our family stay on the path of <u>purity</u>? By living according to your word. 10 We will seek you with <u>all</u> <u>of our hearts</u>; do not let us stray from our commands. Psalm 119:9-10 (edited toward family)

CREATING A CULTURE OF PURITY

1) GET YOUR OWN HEART RIGHT.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

2) PARENT TO THE HEART.

...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

3) PURSUE <u>PERFECT</u> PURITY OF THE HEART.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Ephesians 5:3

I will give you a <u>new heart</u> and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your <u>heart of stone</u> and give you a <u>heart of flesh</u>. Ezekiel 36: 26

TALK IT OVER

- How would you describe the current condition of your heart?
- What impurities have you allowed into your family? What can you do to remove them?
- What steps do you need to take to create a permanent culture of purity in your family?