

BE THIS ATTITUDE

“PURE IN HEART”

OPENING TEXT: MATTHEW 5: 8

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“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

"PURE IN HEART" (GREEK: KATHAROI TĒ KARDIA) IN MATTHEW 5:8 MEANS HAVING AN UNDIVIDED, SINCERE HEART— UNSTAINED BY GUILF, HYPOCRISY, OR MIXED MOTIVES— THAT IS ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO GOD. KATHAROS SIGNIFIES BEING CLEAN, PURGED, OR REFINED, WHILE KARDIA REFERS TO THE INNER LIFE, INCLUDING THOUGHTS, DESIRES, AND WILLPOWER.

MEANING BREAKDOWN AND SYNONYMS

- **PURE (KATHAROS): UNMIXED, SINGLE-MINDED, GENUINE, UNDEFILED, AND SINCERE.**
- **HEART (KARDIA): THE CENTER OF A PERSON'S INNER LIFE, INCLUDING THEIR WILL, MOTIVATIONS, AND THOUGHTS.**
- **COMBINED MEANING: A HEART THAT IS NOT "DOUBLE-MINDED," BUT IS INSTEAD TRANSPARENT, HOLY, AND FOCUSED ENTIRELY ON GOD, RATHER THAN MERELY ACTING OUTWARDLY RELIGIOUS.**

USAGE EXAMPLES & CONTEXT

- **REFINING METALS: KATHAROS IS USED TO DESCRIBE PURE GOLD, FREE FROM DROSS.**
- **CLEANSING: THE WORD IS USED IN THE CONTEXT OF PURIFYING FROM LEPROSY OR IN A CEREMONIAL, RITUALISTIC SENSE.**

- **MORAL INTEGRITY:** IT DESCRIBES A PERSON WHOSE INNER MOTIVATIONS ARE CLEAN AND UPRIGHT, AS OPPOSED TO HYPOCRITICAL.
- **SINGLE VISION:** IT REFERS TO A "SINGLE EYE" OR UNDIVIDED FOCUS ON GOD, RATHER THAN BEING SPLIT BY WORLDLY DESIRES.

"PURE IN HEART" CHARACTERISTICS

- **TRANSPARENT:** HAVING NO HIDDEN AGENDAS OR SINFUL MOTIVES.
- **DEVOTED:** HAVING UNDIVIDED LOYALTY TO GOD.
- **TRANSFORMED:** BEING CLEANSED THROUGH THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT RATHER THAN JUST EXTERNAL BEHAVIOR.

1. A HEART THAT IS SINGULARLY AND PURE:

JAMES 1: 5-8

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and [h]without reproach, and it will be given to him.
 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.
 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 *being* a [i]double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

WE MUST BE FOCUSED ON HIM AND OUR HEARTS MUST BE SET ON HIS WAYS AND NOT OUR OWN.

A PERSON THAT WALKS IN A PURE HEART IS NOT DOUBLE MINDED AND DOESN'T SWAY WHEN IT COMES TO BELIEVING THAT THE LORD CAN HANDLE ALL SITUATIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE PURE IN HEART DON'T JUST THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES THEY ARE SO DRIVEN BY THE WAYS OF THE LORD THAT THEIR MISSION AND PURPOSE IS TO PLEASE HIM AND POINT PEOPLE TO JESUS!

WHAT DOES A PURE HEART AND RIGHT MOTIVES LOOK LIKE?

MARK 2: 1-13

2 When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. **2** And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. **3** And they *came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. **4** Being unable to [a]get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof [b]above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. **5** And Jesus seeing their faith *said to the paralytic, “[c]Son, your sins are forgiven.” **6** But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, **7** “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins [d]but God alone?” **8** Immediately Jesus, aware [e]in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, *said to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? **9** Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’; or to say, ‘Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk’? **10** But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — He *said to the paralytic, **11** “I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home.” **12** And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

13 And He went out again by the seashore; and all the [f]people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

The 4 men's Motive: To get their friend to Jesus no matter what it took.

Statement: "Surround yourself with people that have the right motives that are driven not by their own personal gain but driven by the motives of heaven!"

Their Focus: Their focus wasn't on the man's circumstance.

Find people of faith that won't just sit around and pet your issue or pain, but rather they will point you to Jesus because that is where their focus and hope is.

Their Passion: It was no matter what!

Their passion was that no matter what is in our way we will get him to the feet of Jesus. The purity of their motive is what caused them to think outside the box and get their friend to Jesus no matter what the cost, even if it means tearing a whole in someones roof because they know Jesus is there!

Jesus Saw their faith: He saw their heart!

Their faith shined in that moment. Jesus and people can see your heart and motives by how you live everyday. He saw their heart for their friend to be healed.

The Motive of the Religious: They didn't care about the man.

The only thing the religious care about is their own laws and agenda and if you don't follow it the way they do then your out. The big picture here is that they didn't care about the man coming to the Lord, they just cared about the law.

Jesus came too redeem those that were broken and hurting and He didn't do it the way the religious elite wanted Him too.

Jesus calls them out: He proved the religious wrong.

Which is easier to say? But so that you may know the Son of Man has Authority on earth to forgive sins. He calls them out for their unbelief and religious ideologies and puts them in their place. He didn't do it because He was angry with them but He did it so that they could see who He really is.

Blessed are the Pure in heart for they shall see God!

In that moment the ones that were pure seen God right before their eyes because their heart and motives were pure. But then you had the Scribes there who should have been able to recognize God in that moment but because of their Hypocrisy and blind eyes spiritually they couldn't see Him for who He really is.

Ephesians 1:18

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. **18** *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might