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The Sermon on the Mount - Pure in Heart

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

- I. The pure of heart will see God.** *Job 42:5 NIV My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.*
Proverbs 22:11 NIV One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend.

II. Four aspects of our Heart:

Our emotions: *John 16:6 NASB "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.*

Our mind: *Hebrews 4:12 NIV For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Our conscience/our moral being: *Romans 2:15 NIV They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness...*

Our will: *Romans 6:17 NIV But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.*

III. Scans to evaluate our heart: (Deut. 8:2)

Word Scan - *Psalms 119:11 NIV I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Question: Do I love to read the Bible, study it, and obey it?

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Thought Scan - *Psalms 17:3 NLT ³You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night. What do you ruminate on.*

Question: What do I think about most of the time? Are my thoughts God's thoughts?

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Treasure /Generosity Scan - *Matthew 6:21 (NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Question: Where do I spend most of my finances? What do I get most excited to spend my money on? _____

Fruit Scan - *Luke 8:15 (NLT) ¹⁵And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.*

Question: How many people can I say I helped this past week? How many people have I shared my faith with, invited to church or prayed with lately? _____

Behavior/Action Scan - *Proverbs 21:8-10 NASB The way of a guilty man is crooked, But as for the pure, his conduct is upright.*

Question: What do I do with my time? How much do I use my time to do things for God? _____

Attitude Scan - *Philippians 2:14-15 NLT Do everything without complaining and arguing,*

Question: Am I a person that others would say has a great attitude about life? Do I react to life's difficulties with a sense of entitlement? _____

Pleasure Scan - *James 4:2b-3 You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

Question: What gives you the most pleasure in life, Godly things or life's pleasures? _____

Stress Scan - *James 1:2-3 NIV Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

Question: Do I react in loving and faithful ways when I face trials and others irritate me? _____

Pride Scan - How often do we feel our way is the only right way. *Daniel 5:20-21 NIV ²⁰But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory.*

Question: How often do you feel your way is the best way? Do you have to have your way? Do you feel smarter, or wiser than others? _____