

Right Attitudes for Kingdom Living Matthew 5:1-12



Developing a Game Plan for Purity Matthew 5:8; Isaiah 59



MATTHEW 5:8 (ESV)

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

ISAIAH 59:1–2

ISAIAH

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:

He saw that there was no man,
and wondered that there was no
one to intercede; then his own
arm brought him salvation, and
his righteousness upheld him.

He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

JOHN 3:1–2

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Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

JOHN 3:3

ESV

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

LUKE 10:25

ESV

And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

LUKE 18:18

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**The Word of God
for the People of
God!**

Thanks Be to God!

Developing a Game Plan for Purity Matthew 5:8



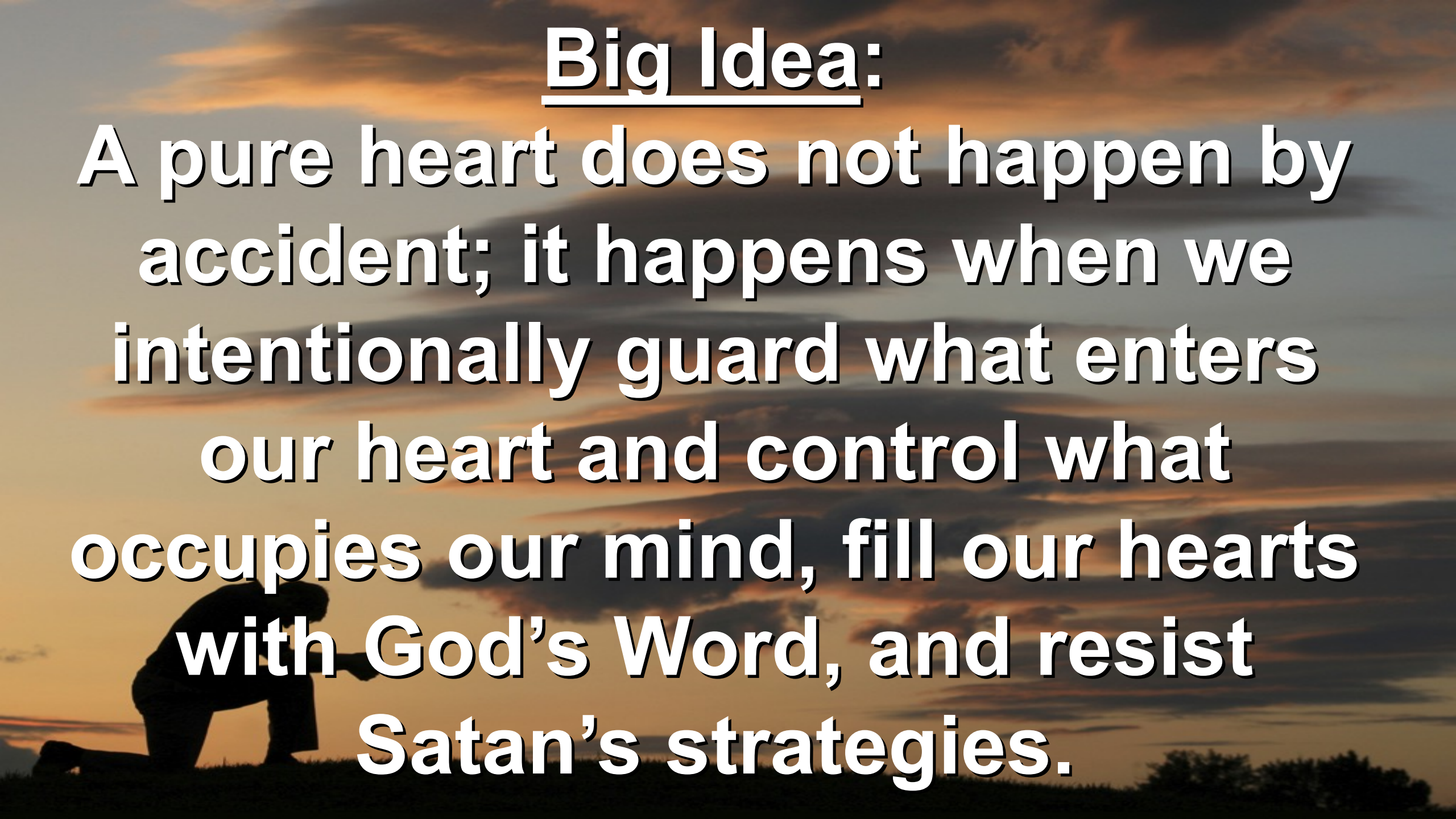
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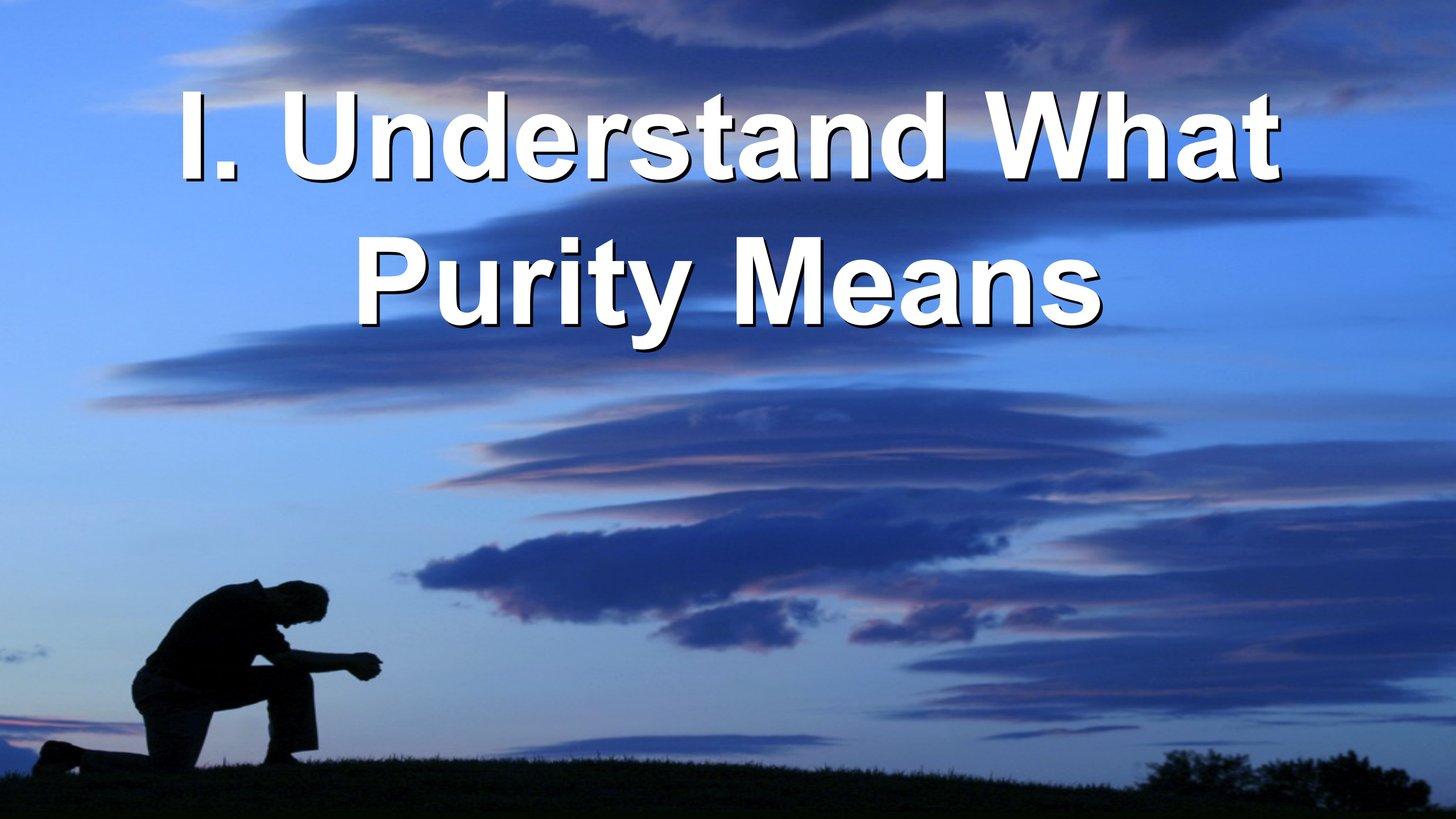
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Big Idea:

A pure heart does not happen by accident; it happens when we intentionally guard what enters our heart and control what occupies our mind, fill our hearts with God's Word, and resist Satan's strategies.

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I. Understand What Purity Means



A. Purity means cleanness



2 CORINTHIANS 6:16 (ESV) 2 CORINTHIANS

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

and I will be a father to
you, and you shall be sons
and daughters to me, says
the Lord Almighty.”

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

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Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

B. Purity means single-mindedness



The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the
hill of the LORD? And
who shall stand in his
holy place?

He who has clean hands
and a pure heart, who does
not lift up his soul to what is
false and does not swear
deceitfully.

He will receive blessing
from the LORD and
righteousness from the
God of his salvation.

Draw near to God, and he
will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, you
sinners, and purify your
hearts, you double-minded.

II. Recognize Why We Need a Game Plan



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The heart is deceitful above all
things, and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

JEREMIAH 17:9 ESV

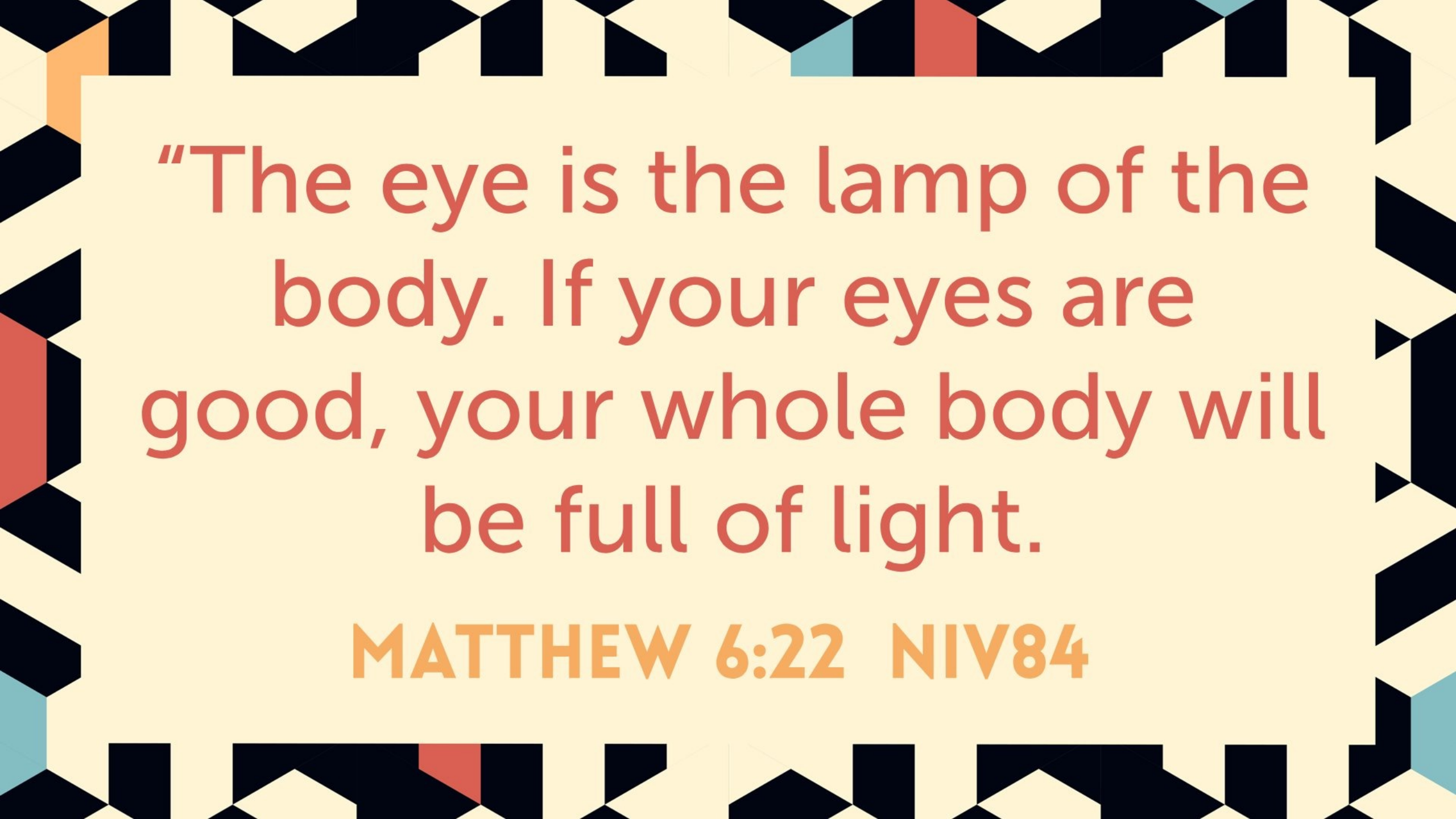
III. Develop a Game Plan for Purity



A. Make a Covenant with Your Eyes



"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.



"The eye is the lamp of the
body. If your eyes are
good, your whole body will
be full of light.

MATTHEW 6:22 NIV84

B. Consecrate Your Mind (Take Every Thought Captive)



For as he thinks within
himself, so he is...

PROVERBS 4:23 (NIV84)

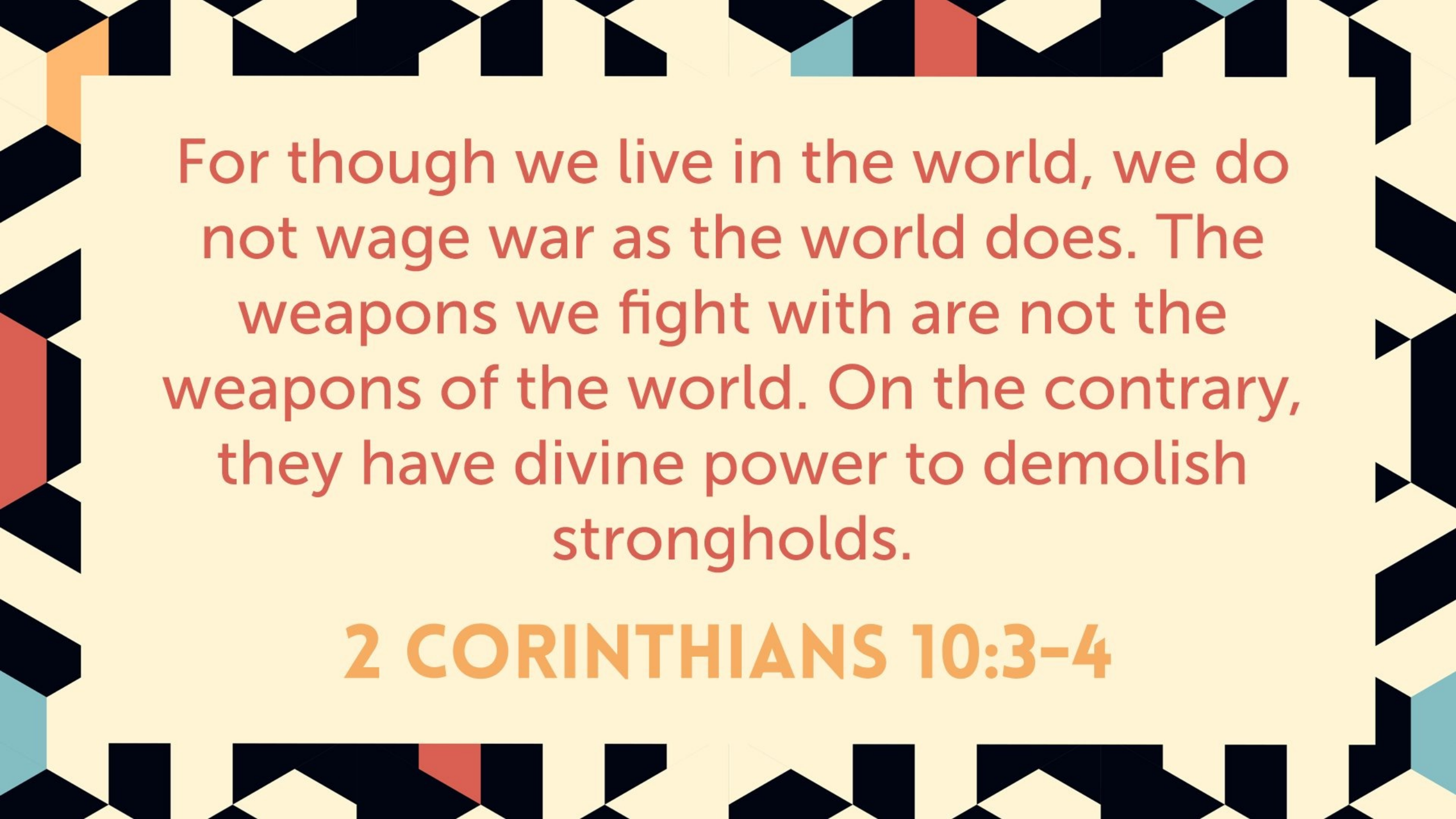
PROVERBS

Above all else, guard your
heart, for it is the wellspring
of life.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable, if there is
any excellence, if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these
things.

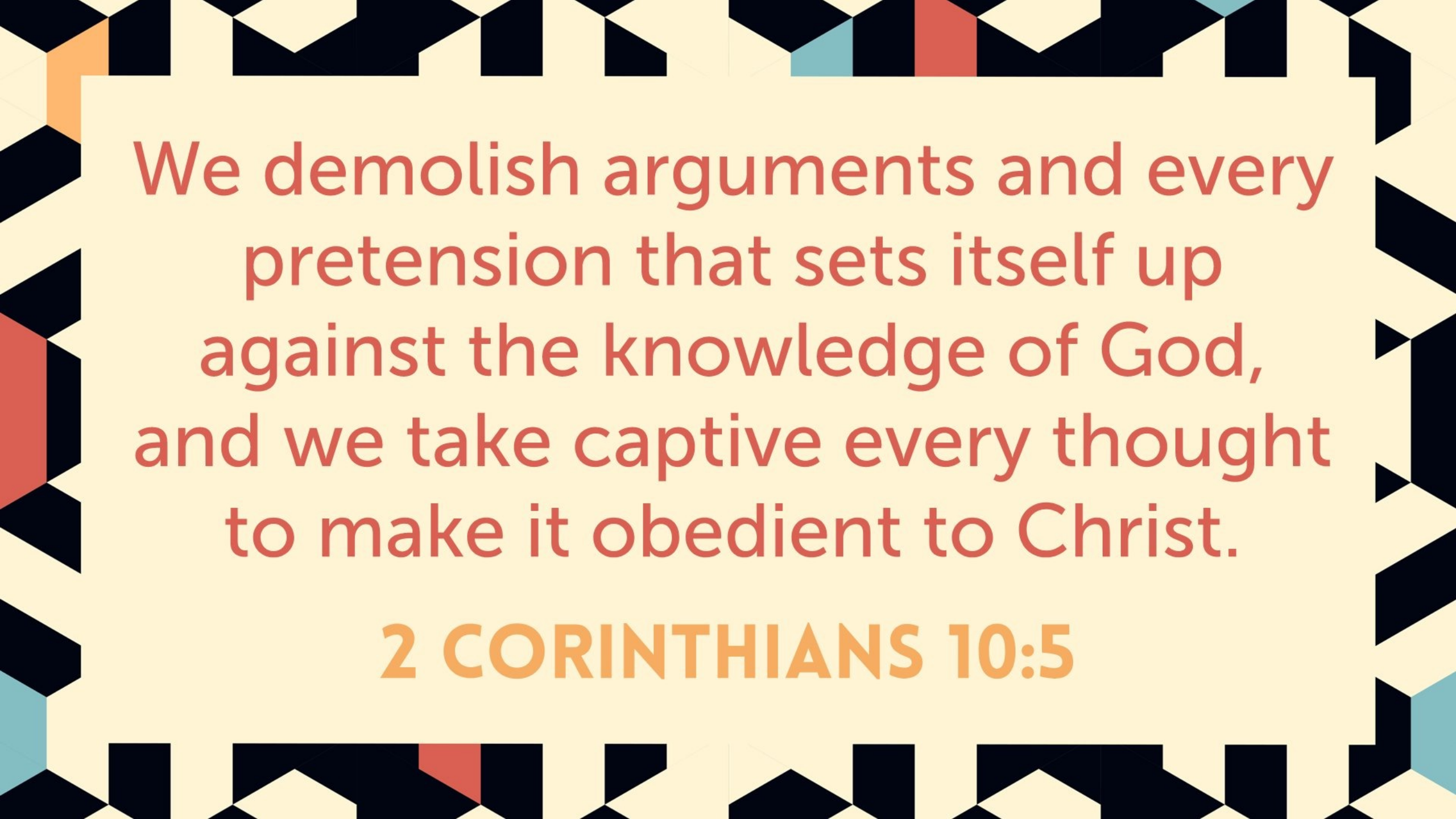
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

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For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4

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We demolish arguments and every
pretension that sets itself up
against the knowledge of God,
and we take captive every thought
to make it obedient to Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

C. Scripture Memorization (Cherishing/Treasuring)



How can a young man keep his way
pure?

By guarding it according to your
word.

PSALM 119:9

ESV

With my whole heart I seek you; let
me not wander from your
commandments!

PSALM 119:10

ESV

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

PSALM 119:11

ESV

D. Counteract Satan's Strategies



Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from
you.

JAMES 4:7

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IV. Remember the Purpose of Purity

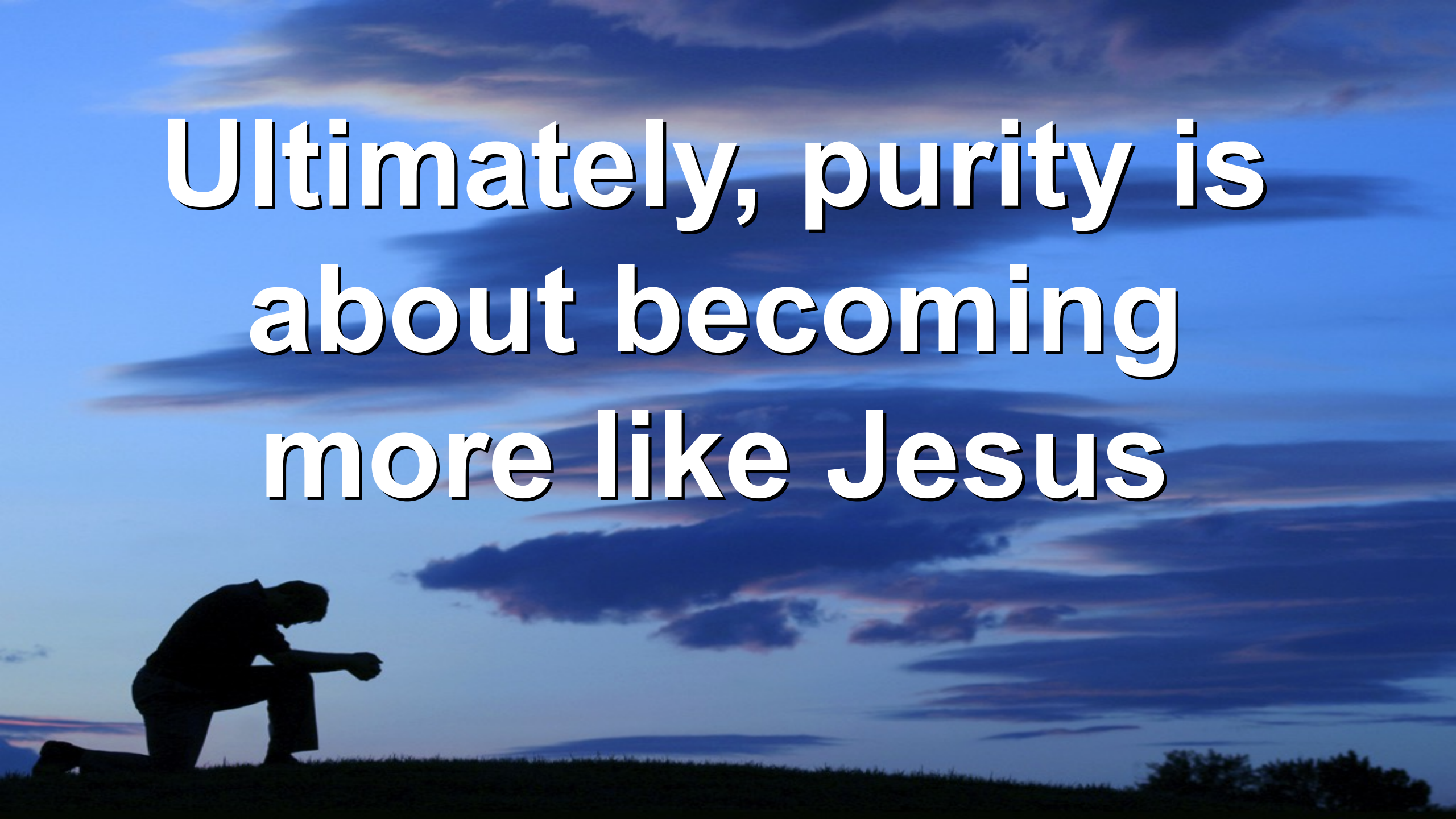


Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

EPHESIANS 5:25–27

ESV

**Ultimately, purity is
about becoming
more like Jesus**



V. Claim the Reward of Purity



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Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when
others revile you and
persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in
heaven, for so they
persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

The Sermon on the Mount begins with an ATTITUDE CHECK

