

Blessed are the pure in heart

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Matthew 5:8 – Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
(New American Standard)

SUMMARY:

Beatitude = From the Latin word “beatus” meaning blessed or happy.

This opening of the sermon on the mount was designed to shock the audience as a deliberate change from the standard values of the day.

This semester for Huddle is titled “Living the Life”. As you contemplate the Beatitudes, don’t let the common knowledge of these scriptures lose their challenge to your everyday life.

Psalm 24: 4, 5 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

NOTES:

In Matthew 6:21 Jesus makes this statement: “for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”.

Where is your treasure?

When you evaluate your heart today remember that David thought he had hidden his sin from everyone around him. Nathan the prophet in 2 Samuel 12:7 confronts David with this honest assessment.
“DAVID – YOU ARE THE MAN”.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question:

As we have discussed “the pure in heart” have you been honest with your assessment of your heart?

Discussion:

- What do you do when God challenges you to change something in your life?
- Do you have someone you can be completely open and honest with when discussing your faults and failures?
- While discussing this topic are there things in your heart that need to change? What? Why?

APPLICATION:

It is very important to apply the principles that God reveals to you in a timely manner. David had moved past his sin with Bathsheba even though it effected his entire reign as King.

Luke 8:15 – the seed that finds good soil are the ones that have heard the word in an honest and good heart.....

ON YOUR OWN...

2 Samuel chps 11 & 12

Luke 8:15

Psalm 24: 4, 5

Matthew 6:21

John 14:1