

2. Right Discernment

Philippians 1:9-11 – (9) *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, (10) so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, (11) filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ -- to the glory and praise of God.*

Titus 1:15 - *To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.*

3. Right Behavior

Titus 3:1-2 – (1) *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, (2) to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.*

1 Timothy 5:1-2 – (1) *Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, (2) older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.*

THE CALL TO PURITY - WHY US, WHY NOW?

Joshua 3:5 - *Joshua told the people, "Consecrate [sanctify, purify] yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."*

- Gold survives purification by staying in the crucible while in the fire.

CHALLENGE

Psalms 51:10 - *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

2 Corinthians 13:14 - *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Philippians 2:14-15 - *Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe*

PURITY

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INTRODUCTION

1. Questions About Purity

Matthew 5:8 - *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

2. Concepts Of Purity

- Sexual, dress, rules and regulations, prohibition of fun

3. Purity's Bad Rap

4. God's Desire For Our Purity

- Purity is necessary for our physical health.
- Purity is necessary for our spiritual body – the church.

WHAT IS PURITY?

1. Insights From Pure Water

2. Webster's Definition

- Pure - free from all extraneous matter, especially from anything that impairs or pollutes; free from anything that defiles or contaminates; innocent; spotless; chaste; stainless; genuine; ceremonially clean; unpolluted; sheer; absolute
- Purity - The condition of being pure; freedom from foreign matter; cleanness; freedom from any thing underhanded or improper; innocence; chastity; freedom from improper use of words or phrases; degree of saturation or intensity, as of a color.

3. Some Personal Questions

- a) Spiritual Passion
- b) Speech
- c) Conduct
- d) Private Life

HOW DOES PURITY BENEFIT ME?

1. Healthy Relationship with God

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

2. Healthy Relationships with Others

2 Corinthians 6:1-9 - *As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

HOW DO I GET PURITY?

Psalms 51:10 - *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

☐ The root of “pure” is Sanscrit – “Pu”; “from the fire”

1. Check Your Position (1 John 2:27-29, 3:1-3)

1 John 2:27 - *As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit-- just as it has taught you, remain in him.*

1 John 2:28 - *And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.*

1 John 2:29 - *If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.*

1 John 3:1a - *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

1 John 3:1b-3 – (1) ... *The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (2) Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (3) Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.*

2. Attitude (Philippians 2:1-16)

Philippians 2:1-2 – (1) *If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, (2) then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

Philippians 2:3-4 – (3) *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (4) Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Philippians 3:5-11 – (5) *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, (7) but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (8) And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross! (9) Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 3:12-16 – (12) *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed -- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence -- continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, (13) for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (14) Do everything without complaining or arguing, (15) so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe (16) as you hold out the word of life -- in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.*

RESULTS FROM A RIGHT POSITION AND ATTITUDE

1. Right Focus – We See God, Not The Problems

Matthew 5:8, NIV – *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*