

PURE IN HEART  
Matthew 5:8  
The Kingdom Experiment Week 6

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

The deeper I allow God to PURIFY my heart, the more I UNDERSTAND His Kingdom.

What is it that is keeping your heart and life from being totally pure?

*“No other gods, only me. No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. Don't bow down to them and don't serve them because I am GOD, your God, and I'm a most jealous God, punishing the children for any sins their parents pass on to them to the third, and yes, even to the fourth generation of those who hate me. But I'm unswervingly loyal to the thousands who love me and keep my commandments.” – Exodus 20:3-6*

*“When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Here he is! GOD's anointed!” But GOD told Samuel, “Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already eliminated him. GOD judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; GOD looks into the heart.” – 1 Samuel 16:6-7*

Here's the problem: We try to determine heart purity by ACTIONS and OUTWARD appearances. Heart purity comes BEFORE the ACTIONS, not AFTER.

HOW DO I ALLOW GOD TO PURIFY MY HEART?

11. Admit that your heart is IMPURE. *“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.” – Psalm 51:1*
12. Ask God to FORGIVE you. *“Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” – Psalm 51:1-2*

13. Realize that PURITY is God's heart and desire for you. *"Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity."* – Psalm 51:6-9
14. Ask GOD for a pure heart. *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."* – Psalm 51:10-12
15. RECEIVE it...because this really is God's DESIRE for your LIFE.

*"So cut away the thick calluses from your heart and stop being so willfully hardheaded."* – Deuteronomy 10:16

*"You shall have no other gods before me."* - Deuteronomy 5:7

*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."* – Matthew 5:24

*"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."* – Matthew 6:13-14

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."* – Matthew 13:45-46

*"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."* - Luke 9:62

THIS WEEK'S KINGDOM EXPERIMENT:

9. Do a media fast this week.
10. Spend a special time in prayer this week.
11. Place safeguards in place for yourself.
12. Get an accountability partner or partners.

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If your heart is not pure, there is only one place to go to find help with that.

Go to God.