

Matthew 5:8**What Is It to Have a Pure Heart?**

Living by the rule of God, and living a life that is pleasing to God. Ephesians 5:8-10 Hebrews 13:16,
John 8:29

Is living for the purpose of God, and having a single-minded devotion to God. Romans 12:1,
1 Corinthians 6:19 1 Samuel 12:24

How Can We Have a Pure Heart?

To have a pure heart means to have a heart that is committed to living a life that is totally pleasing to God, 1 Chronicles 28:9 Psalms 139:23-24

To maintain the purity of our heart is through fellowship with the people of God. It helps to be accountable to one another. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

* The admissions committee of a private Christian college asked all the candidates a certain set of questions, and the replies were much the same.

"What will you do after you gain admission into this college?" "I will endeavor to gain the best education I can." "What will you do after you have earned your degree?" "I will secure a good job." "After that?" "Well, I will earn a good deal of money and have a happy life." "After that?" "Enjoy my retirement." "And what's after that?" No response! Usually this was the end of the conversation.

Let us think about ourselves, those of us who say we believed in Jesus Christ and have dedicated our lives to God, are our long-term plans and goals any different than those of college students today?

What do we desire the most? What are we living for? That is the question.

When we see God, this will open up the treasure store of valuable or delightful things of all the blessings, not only for eternity, but also for life here and now. Matthew 6:33, John 10:10, Hebrews 11:1-6

This should be the goal of every Christian and what we are living for – that we may live our life in such a way that we see God. Hebrews 12:14

You cannot be poor in spirit without having a pure heart. You cannot mourn for the things that displease God without having a pure heart. Matthew 15:8-9

This is one of the most central principles of the Christian life that we see in the whole Bible. The heart of the matter is the matter of the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7, Jeremiah 17:10, Hebrews 4:12

Having a pure heart first of all means living by the rules of God that bring moral purity. The meaning of the word "pure" in the Bible is used in the sense of the word "clean" Numbers 5:2 Leviticus 10:10
2 Corinthians 6:17

What was His purpose behind that?

God wanted His people to know that He is a holy God, and He expects His people to live life according to the standard He has set for them. Exodus 31:13 Luke 4:16 Acts 17:2

God wanted His people to know that He was God; He made the rules, and they were to live by these rules. Matthew 4:4

By the rules that He has set for us. It is not for us to understand everything God does, but it is for us to obey. Deuteronomy 29:29.

It is easier to follow rules and forget the matter of the heart. We are more careful to keep everything clean that is seen by others and forget about the things that only God can see.

We want to keep up our appearances before man, but we forget about keeping our hearts straight before God. Matthew 23:25-28, Matthew 12:34.

So, first, having a pure heart means living by the rule of God, living a life that is pleasing to God. **Secondly**, having a **pure heart** means living for the sole purpose of God, to have a heart that is fully devoted to God. It means single-minded devotion and commitment to God, doing anything and everything in our life for the sole purpose of glorifying God (1 Corinthians 10:31)