

A Pure Heart

Ps. 24:1-6

What Is This “Heart” For Which There Is A Battle?

- It is the “heart” with which we think, believe and understand. (mind/intellect)
 - Gen. 6:5; Rom. 10:10, 17; Lk. 8:11-12
- It is the “heart” that desires, loves, etc. (our affections)
 - I Pet. 1:22; Rom. 10:1-2
- It is the “heart” that purposes, intends, determines. (the will)
 - II Cor. 9:7; Heb. 4:12; Dan. 1:8; I Cor. 1:2
- It is the conscience. (Rom. 2:14-15; Acts 2:36-37)
- The inner person: that aspect of our being on which the Lord looks (I Sam. 16:7) and determines our character (Prov. 4:23; I Pet. 3:3-4)

A Pure Heart In Worship

- Are reflected by reverence and single-minded focus on praising, thanking and glorifying our Creator as we approach Him in worship.
 - Jn. 4:24 → worship must be in spirit and in truth.
 - Matt. 15:8 → we can honor God with our lips while our hearts are far away.
 - Mal. 1:13 → view as a weariness...
 - Ps. 122:1 → “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord.”

A Pure Heart In Handling The Word of God

- The word of God is pure.
 - Ps. 19:8 → “...the commandment of the Lord is pure.”
 - Ps. 12:6 → “the words of the Lord are pure words...”
 - Ps. 119:140 → “Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.”
- Do we handle it with a pure heart?
 - Maintaining the purity of its teaching.
 - I Tim. 1:3; I Tim. 4:1-6; II Tim. 1:13
 - II Cor. 2:17 → “For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.
 - Determining truth from error. (Acts 17:11; I Thess. 5:21)
 - Defending the truth. (Jude 3)

A Pure Heart In Word And Action

- Matt. 15:10-11; 17-20 → And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ...
17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

A Pure Heart In Dealing With Others

- We are to love one another with a pure heart fervently. (1 Pet. 1:22)
 - Rom. 12:9 → Love without hypocrisy.
 - Matt. 7:12 → Treat others as you would have them treat you.
 - Matt. 22:39 → Love neighbor as self.
 - Phil. 2:4 → Concerned for others.

Conclusion

- Prov. 20:9 → who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? (Rom. 3:23)
- I Pet. 1:22 → seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth...
- Heb. 10:22 → 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (ESV)