



## Pure in Heart

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### Introduction:

- God's blessing in our homes
- Protection and safety for the heart

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

**Matthew 5:8**

## Where do we begin?

1. Without Christ, there is no such thing as a

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2. Goal: Becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ home

*The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives.*

**Jeremiah 17:9-10**

*Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.*

**Ephesians 4:18-19**

## Creating a Culture of Purity

1. Start with my \_\_\_\_\_

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*

**Proverbs 4:23**

2. Parent to the \_\_\_\_\_

*The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

**1 Samuel 16:7**

[See Matthew 5:21-48: Jesus' teachings about the heart]

3. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart

*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.*

**Ephesians 5:3**

*And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.*

**Ezekiel 36:26**

### Next Steps:

- I commit to attend the rest of this series
- I commit to make my home more Christ-centered by \_\_\_\_\_
- I will nurture an environment for my heart to be pure by starting/stopping \_\_\_\_\_
- I ask God to help me be more concerned about the heart than outward appearance
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