



## Clean Cardiac (Matthew 5:8; 6) Sunday, March 3, 2024

### -PURE (Greek) = καθαρός [katharos]

- to make pure by cleansing from dirt or contamination
- \_\_\_\_\_, as having no double allegiance

*The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. (Prov.11:3)*

*-Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 17-18*

*For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are. Nothing in all creation can hide from Him. Everything is naked and exposed before His eyes. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done. (Hebrews 4:12-13) (NLT)*

### 1. A pure heart recognizes God \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: Who do you want to please?

*Pray for us. We have no doubts about what we're doing or why, but it's hard going and we need your prayers. All we care about is living well before God... (Hebrews 13:18) (Message)*

### 2. A pure heart acts with authentic \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mathew 6:1-3, 5-6, 16-18*

*For we speak as messengers who have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts. (1 Thess. 2:4) (NLT)*

### 3. A pure heart focuses on godly \_\_\_\_\_.

*-Matthew 6:19-21, 31-33*

- there are two kinds of treasure: earthly & heavenly (vs. 19,20)
- our treasures and our heart are connected (v.21)
- whatever you treasure controls your heart (v.21)

Q1: What do I spend \_\_\_\_\_ on?

Q2: What do I spend \_\_\_\_\_ on?

Q3: What do I \_\_\_\_\_ about?

Q4: What are my dreams/ \_\_\_\_\_?

Happiness = having no \_\_\_\_\_ of being \_\_\_\_\_ out.

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:1-2,10)*

### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What are some areas of life where an undivided, single-focused heart is essential? What about some negative examples of a divided, wandering heart?

Q2: In Matthew 6, why do you think Jesus stresses the concept of "secrecy" so strongly? Why is this character trait so difficult for us to live up to?

Q3: What do the following verses teach you about different kinds of purity: Isaiah 6:3, Gen. 1:31, Cor. 5:21, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 John 3:2.

Q4: In Matthew 6:24-34 Jesus describes a variety of things that we can worry about? Which one(s) do you personally struggle with the most? How had God helped you deal with stress and anxiety?

Q5: Read and reflect upon Jeremiah 17:9-10. What does God say about the condition of the human heart?

Q6: Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced true happiness and blessing that was a direct result of having a pure heart before God? If so, explain.

Q7: What "kind" of "heart" do you have right now? What do you want to ask God to do for your heart?