

PURITY OF HEART



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It is one thing to receive ‘purity of heart’ and another thing to hold on to and maintain a pure heart; one that is constantly kept pure and clean. It can only be kept by a full dependence on the power of God. It needs to be a new stand of faith every day. Jesus told His disciples to pray every day for whatever they needed.

Jesu said in Luke 11:2-3 (KJV) *“When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.* He says, “give us this day.” It is a daily prayer; our needs one day at a time, spiritually, physically, and financially.

“And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.” Keep our heart pure and clean, forgive us our sins. *“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”* Deliver and protect us from Satan and his power and evil works for this day; keep us free from the attacks of the devil. In the original it is written, **“Deliver us from the evil one.” This is God’s work, and He will do it for us as we go to Him every day, as Jesus told us to do.**

When our faith follows the promises of God exactly, we are walking by faith concerning heart purity. When we cease to exercise faith in the power of God, we lose heart purity and get back into the old way of seeing and doing things, into the old way of not being

able to meet things and not able to rightly exercise faith and in many cases, have more confidence in the lies of Satan than we have in the Word of God.

We need to be sure that we are not praying in contradiction to our hearts, be sure our hearts are right with God. 1 John 3:20-22, *“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”*

It would pay for us to check and see just what we are believing. Not to just check and see what kind of faith we have but what are we really believing, where do we actually believe ourselves to be in our spiritual life. Check to see if we truly believe ourselves to be pure and clean through God’s Word.

The Word of God tells us that we are to believe that our hearts are pure and clean on the authority of God’s Word because we are to be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

1 Peter 1:5, Those *“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* And Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:7, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*

God’s plan is that we are to have a continuous faith in His Word and see ourselves clean and pure—purified through the Word. The very moment that we take that stand of faith that our heart is purified, Satan tries to get in with all his subtlety to prove to us that we are not pure in heart. He will try to use every thought or suggestion that he can to convince us that we are not clean, we are not purified, that we have not met the conditions and if we ever did have a clean heart, we lost it.

If Satan can get us to question our stand of faith and doubt the Word in some way, he can rob us of our faith, hinder our answers to prayer, and keep us from meeting things right in the home or workplace, destroy our faith for purity of heart, and fill us with a spirit of doubt and fear.

Satan stands ready to fight anyone who is trying to hold steadfast in faith for perfect peace, perfect health and protection, peace, and salvation in the home. But our privilege, through the Holy Spirit, is to be able to hold steadfast in our faith on the Word of God.

The one thing we need to do is as Solomon admonishes us in Proverbs 4:23, *“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”* If we don’t keep our hearts with all diligence, there will very shortly come a waver in our hearts, and we all know what James says about a wavering heart. James 1:6, *“He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.”* We are driven and tossed, no peace, no health, trouble all around.

Jesus reassures us in John 14:26, *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”* And in the next verse, He promises us His peace, *“My peace I leave with you.”*

That is what the Holy Spirit wants to do for us, but He cannot work when we are not walking by faith in the Word and keeping our conscience clear of any offence toward God or man, through our purity of heart.

We are purified through the Word, as John 15:3 tells us, *“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”* It is always through the Word, never by sight and feeling.

The late Pastor said he had someone tell him that after they had surrendered their life to God, they had real joy and satisfaction; but after a while this wore off, and they do not know how to account for this. The reason is, he said, they had good feelings and they walked by those feelings. **They were walking entirely by sight and feeling and never really purified their heart through the Word.**

After a heart has been cleansed by the precious Blood and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are to consecrate, or surrender our life to God, which is called ‘purity of heart.’ Matthew 5:8, *“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”*

To go by feelings, is not faith at all. Faith only works through a word, either spoken or written. Paul taught that we were to purify our hearts by faith. Jesus told His disciples that they were clean through the Word, and by faith, they accepted their ‘purity of heart’ through the Word.

We need to accept our ‘purity of heart’ by faith and then to hold on to that position through the Blood and on the authority of the Word.

The first step to purify our heart is, through the Word, and the second step is to confess and forsake all known sin; then an unconditional surrender of our life and will to God; which means to give up all our ways and accept all the ways and plans of God.

We cannot reserve the right to disobey any part of the New Testament. We need to follow the example that Jesus set for us, love as He loved, forgive everyone from the heart as He did. He even asked His Father to forgive those who were crucifying Him. That was true love.

We need to make a final, unconditional surrender of our lives to God and be very definite about it. A half-way surrender will not bring the desired results. If we are to receive our 'purity of heart', we need to settle down to get it in God's way with a total surrender.

Revelation 3:15-16, *"I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."*

From this we can see how God feels about half-heartedness. In other words, since you are not following My will completely, I will not accept thee, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

This lukewarmness is found among many professing Christians today, which is the result of their teaching. That makes it impossible for them to receive their 'purity of heart' as they are half-hearted about almost everything. That is why it is so necessary to make an unconditional surrender of our lives to God.

Romans 12:1, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."*

This means our bodies and all that concerns us; needs to be handed over into the hands of God to be managed and controlled and to be brought into the center of His will. Of course, we don't know every plan of God at first, but God only calls us to take one step at a time.

The first step would be to surrender the choice of our will to go God's way; but this must be definite and deliberate to accept God's plans and ways in everything.

The second step would be to walk by faith, to believe on the authority of the bare Word of God that we have become holy and acceptable unto God, without sight or feeling. This is the second step in divine order. We must learn to be firm and to take our stand to walk firmly in our walk of faith, never turning back but continue on in our stand of faith, regardless of the devil's subtleties, regardless of what things look like. We are to believe that our hearts are pure because God says so.

We are to make a real choice of our will—a determined, final choice of our will to God, and He comes down and meets us on our level; He meets us on our own ground, but He must have our whole heart, not part of it, but all of it. We must be whole-hearted in our surrender and in our faith, Psalm 37:5-6, "Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."

That means we are to turn everything over into the hands of God, for Him to manage and control. That He might teach and train us in just the way that He desires us to go, for His own glory. We are to turn the whole burden of everything over to the Lord, placing the whole responsibility of these lives on His shoulders and then trust in Him alone. The result of this is that God begins to work at once; and our "righteousness is brought forth as the light, and our judgement as the noonday."

As we take this position of total surrender, God will give us the wisdom and understanding that we need to take us from purity to maturity, as it is written in Hebrews 6:1, *"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,"*

There are many who have tried hard to receive God's blessings, without realizing that the heart is not clean, never purified by the Blood of Jesus Christ and through the Word. His order has always been to, First, bring forth our righteousness as the light and then our judgement will be brought forth as the noonday. That is why it is written in Ephesians 6:11, *"Put on the*

whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

While we have that willful rebellion and willful disobedience in our hearts, we cannot believe for any 'purity of heart'. Satan will overwhelm us and make us have more confidence in his lies than we have in God's Word. 'Purity of heart' will always cause us to place our confidence in the Word of God and doubt the lies of the devil and then we will "be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Then when it comes to healing or God's financial plan, we will have confidence in God to take His promises at face value.

Real confidence always comes into a pure heart. As we purify our hearts through the Word and make an unconditional surrender, God will help us and inspire us with the needed confidence and will open our eyes to see the things that God has so freely given to us. Jesus told the woman at the well in John 4:10, *"If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."*

These gifts of God are free; they are ours for the asking; made so by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Anyone with a pure heart will be led to see these things and will have the confidence to go before God to ask, believe, and receive all that we have asked of Him.

If Satan can get our eyes off God's many promises written in His Word for us, and get us to listen to his suggestions, we will find our old temper coming back, we will find we are not meeting things as we should. We should then go before God and have this remedied at once. Plead for His forgiveness and humbly admit our mistakes, dedicate our lives anew to Him again, and believe that He has made us whole and acceptable to Him again with a heart made pure and clean.

Romans 6:11, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

This attitude should be maintained *at all costs* and retain our 'purity of heart'.



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