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Beatitude Series #6 Pure In Heart

**Matthew 5:1-8** 5 *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:*3 #1 *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

4 #2 *Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.*

5 #3 *Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth*

6 #4 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*

7 #5 *Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.*

8 #6 *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

9 #7 *Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.*

10 #8 *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

11 #9 *Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.*

During this study of the beatitudes I pray fresh insights for life and expressions of gratitude expressed to our Heavenly Father have become yours - This poem entitled THE BRIDGE BUILDER is a poetic blessing expressing the attitudes of the beatitudes.  
by Will Allen Dromgoole:

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An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,

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“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

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That poem emphasizes selflessness and compassion. The old man’s act of building a bridge not for himself but for those who come behind him serves as a metaphor for helping others, even when it seems unnecessary for oneself. It beautifully captures the idea that our actions benefit those who follow us, and in doing so give us a sense of fulfillment in life values and purpose.

In this regard, let me remind you – there are other’s who do look to you as an example or confirmation of how they will choose to live their lives. Their life choices are influenced by the overflow of your own choices and activity. Offspring of parents who take their families to church, have a far greater chance of establishing the same habit in their lives and families. Children learn from example what the priorities of life are from their parents. They learn to seek after and hold dear to themselves what their parents have demonstrated by the habits in their lives.

That is why it is so essential for a Christian to encounter and then encompass themselves with today's beatitude:

**Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God..**

The Greek definitions:

**Pure** 2513 katharos - clean, clear, pure-- (without blemish, stain, free from sin, guilt, blameless) **1 Timothy 1:5** *Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,*

**Heart** 2588 kardia – the heart is a descriptive term for our thoughts or feelings— (Vine's Bible Dictionary says the heart is a man's entire mental and moral activity, both the rational and the emotional elements. The heart is the seat of conviction & morality)

**2 Corinthians 4:6** *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

From Gabelein Commentary- "pure in heart" is inner moral purity as opposed to merely external piety or ceremonial cleanness.//singlemindedness, a heart "free from the tyranny of a divided self", freedom from deceit, the utterly sincere.

When the council in Jerusalem was called to decide upon circumcision for gentiles Peter stood up and said as recorded in **Acts 15:6-9** *Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

**1 Peter 1:22** *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brothers, love one another fervently with a pure heart.*

Do not miss this – a pure heart is without hypocrisy- a pure heart results in the ethereal experience -**Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.. for they will see God..**

**See** 3700 optanomai [op-tan-o-mai] to gaze with wide-open eyes, as at something remarkable. And nothing ever can be compared to seeing God. ///Job puts it into words for us: **Job 19:25 -27** *For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!*

**\*\*** Do you realize there is no other way we could know this except through the revelation of the Bible? In exactly the same manner, do you realize the Bible is full of otherwise unknowable revelations for the heart of created mankind?

Let's examine some scriptures that encourage us in our daily effort in becoming the persons of **Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God..**

1. **Psalms 24:3-5** *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul*

*to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation*

Part of having a pure heart is never being involved with an idol – **Exodus 20:3-4**

**3** *“You shall have no other gods before Me.* **4** *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; A serendipity of today’s instruction is the reminder that we just read the second of the ten commandments, or as I much prefer to refer to them as “the 10 Lovemandments.” Those 10 lovemandments contain an outline of God’s love for mankind’s earthly life in His operators manual, the Bible. Everything else we are given in the Bible illustrates and elaborates the lovemandments just as our beatitudes are doing. God has no personal reason to fear or dread idols and false worship except for their destruction on the “hearts” of those created in His image. Simply stated: Anything that is more important to a person than God is an idol that will upend & unnecessarily complicate life.*

Back to **Psalm 24:3-5** *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. Deceitfulness is any form of misleading or misrepresenting righteousness in word or action. I am confident we are granted the time we have on earth to deal with,- and overcome those satan inspired deficiencies in daily living.*

2. Those who are pure in heart have room for only one master, CHRIST

**Matthew 6:24** *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (money or other things like gambling may become an all consuming virtually impossible to escape idol.) Casino's are like drugs and alcohol, and the insane legalization of sports gambling – all of them are playing with the addictive fire of satans destination.*

3. Those who are pure in heart thirst for GOD as a deer thirsts for the water :

**Psalm 42:1** *As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.*  
The soul is another translation of this word heart.

4. Those who are pure in heart have a newly created heart:

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* Those “new things” are the revelations of the Bible which is our motivation for studying, and encouraging each other in Bible living.

David prayed in **Psalm 51:10** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.* Clean heart is attainable for anyone passionate for Jesus.

5. Those who are pure in heart confess and forsake all known sin **Proverbs 28:13** *He who covers his sins will not prosper; But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

6. Those who are pure in heart never try to hide sin from GOD: **Psalm 32:5** *I acknowledged my sin to You And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

7. Those who are pure in heart may carelessly or foolishly sin but cannot be happy in sin: ~~For the director of music. A psalm of David.~~ When the prophet Nathan came to David after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba. **Psalm 51:1** *Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.*

Those who are pure in heart may sin but cannot be happy in sin: **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Pure in heart means a head and heart acknowledgment that GOD is whom HE says HE is and the Bible is the irrefutable revelation of HIS HOLINESS and given to us as a lovemandment and operators manual provided by the one who created us in the first place..

Pure in heart is one who has accepted JESUS as LORD. Pure in heart is one who faithfully walks in obedience to the Bible revealed values. Pure in heart is one who accepts discipline with grace and humility and by their lifestyle plainly understand **Philippians 2:1-4** *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love,*

*if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

Pure in heart is the reflection of JESUS through persons who have submitted their lives wholly to HIM.

Invitation

**Matthew 5:1-8**

**1 Timothy 1:5**

**2 Corinthians 4:6**

**Acts 15:6-9**

**1 Peter 1:22**

**Matthew 5:8**

**Job 19:25 -27**

**Psalms 24:3-5**

**Exodus 20:3-4**

**Psalms 24:3-5**

**Matthew 6:24**

**Psalms 42:1**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Psalms 51:10**

**Proverbs 28:13**

**Psalms 32:5**

**Psalms 51:1**

**1 John 1:9**

**Philippians 2:1-4**