

# The Desire That God Satisfies

## The Pursuit Of Happiness #9

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

### What is this "Pure In Heart"?

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. **Psalms 24:3-4** (NIV)

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"? **Proverbs 20:9** (NIV)

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. **1 Timothy 1:5** (NIV)

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **2 Timothy 2:22** (NIV)

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart...Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. **Psalms 73:1, 13** (NIV)

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **James 4:8** (CSB)

Come close to God and He will come close to you. [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests, and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery]. **James 4:8** (AMPC)

**Pure Heart = \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **Psalms 51:10** (NIV)

### So How Do I Develop A Pure Heart?

**1. Acknowledge my \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.**

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one

who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." **Luke 9:46-48** (NIV)

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." **Luke 22:24-26** (NIV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." **Romans 3:10-12** (NIV)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ on my \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### \*Why is "Seeing God" the reward for a pure heart?

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. **Psalms 37:3-4** (NIV)

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" **John 14:8-9** (NIV)

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.**

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened... Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. **Romans 1:21, 28-32** (NIV)