

# Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

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- To be satisfied with what one is or has.
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## Being Pure in Heart

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- A life of purity is a guilt-free life of joy and light.

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### 3. How to become pure in heart —

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- the root problem is internal, not external
- cleansing is a continual process
- obeying God’s Word keeps me clean (Psalm 119:9)
- I live for the future with Christ, not just the present

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- 1 John 3:3

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God Concept	Distorted	Correct
In Spirit	Discontented	Contented
In Mind	Deceived	Clarity
In Behaviour	Defiled	Christ-Like

## Application Project:

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- What does this beatitude have to do with...
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  - being an open and honest person?
  - being responsive to God?
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