

III. HOW CAN YOU BE PURE IN HEART?

“Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.” Jeremiah 24:7

Pathways to purity include:

A. Faith

“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.” Acts 15:8-9

B. Bible

“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.” John 15:3

C. Prayer

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

D. Commitment

“I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?” Job 31:1

D. Judgment

“2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” I John 3:2-3

ARE YOU TRULY HAPPY?

“...Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!”

Psalm 144:15b

**TRULY HAPPY
Happy Are The Holy
Pastor Steve Reynolds**

INTRODUCTION

A. “Where can I find TRUE happiness?” Virtually everyone has ask this question at some point. The challenge is finding true happiness in a world full of fake. The good news is true happiness is available and can be found in God.

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Yes, God wants you to be TRULY HAPPY! But God’s plan for true happiness looks very different than you would expect.

B. God reveals His plan for human happiness in what is called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Join the Capital Family for a journey through this famous Bible passage and find out what Jesus said about true happiness in a world full of fake.

Oct 10	Let’s Get Truly Happy
Oct 17	Happy Are The Humble
Oct 24	Happy Are The Sad
Oct 31	Happy Are The Meek
Nov 7	Happy Are The Hungry
Nov 14	Happy Are The Merciful
TODAY	Happy Are The Holy
Nov 28	Happy Are The Peacemakers
Dec 5	Happy Are The Persecuted

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 5:8

- The fake way to happiness is having the right circumstances. It is based on “when and then thinking”.

- The true way to happiness is having the right characteristics.

“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

John 13:17

HOW TO BE HOLY

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PURE IN HEART?

Pure in heart means to have a heart for God that is clean and unmixed.

“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.”

Matthew 15:8

“Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”

Matthew 22:37

A. The deceitfulness of the heart.

“9 ‘The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.’” Jeremiah 17:9-10

B. The doctor of the heart.

“26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” Ezekiel 36:26-27

C. The dedication of the heart.

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

II. WHAT PROMISE IS MADE TO THE PURE IN HEART?

“3 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.” Psalm 24:3-4

A. You will see God in nature.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” Psalm 19:1

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

Romans 1:20

B. You will see God in circumstances.

“28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.” Romans 8:28-29

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.” Psalm 23:6

C. You will see God in the Word.

“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.” John 5:39

“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,” Ephesians 1:17