

DAILY READING: PURITY

I choose to submit to a life of purity from the inside-out by the power of the Holy Spirit. To be pure means to be clean and without contamination. Purity comes through my personal relationship with Jesus; I cannot make myself pure. But as a disciple of Jesus I am called to live a life of purity. So I need to rely on God to produce inner cleanliness. My lifestyle and habits do not make me pure, but they are purified through a relationship with Jesus. Through the power of His Word and by the power of His Spirit I am made pure.

I cannot make myself pure even by doing acts of devotion. Purity is the byproduct when I humble myself, seek Christ and worship Him only. When I act a certain way to look right or good, I don't become pure, I become a hypocrite. Purity comes when the desire to be whole and clean takes root on the inside. My heart must be purified for me to live a life of purity. I cannot harbor impure thoughts and motives and hope to finish strong. Purity must happen in my spirit, soul and heart.

Religious acts do not make me pure; I must desire to be pure—godly—and submit to the Spirit's work in my life. I will not become or remain pure by avoiding sinful people; but I am responsible to avoid situations that influence my struggle with temptation and impurity. Messy situations do not remove purity from my life but sinful thoughts do: looking down on others with a critical spirit, letting my mind stray and dwell with longing on anything impure, fostering wrong motives or bitterness.

There is no man-made system for creating a pure heart. God is full of grace and mercy toward me as I grow in purity; He knows there is nothing within me to make me pure, but it is the work of His Spirit. I choose to submit to a life of purity from the inside-out by the power of the Holy Spirit.

MEMORY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 6:6

"We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love"

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DAILY STUDY: PURITY

DAY 1: Purity in Him - Hebrews 10:22 (Page 926); 1 John 3:3 (Page 942); Ezekiel 36:25-27 (Page 655)

DAY 2: Purity as an Example - 1 Timothy 4:12 (Page 911); Titus 1:15-16 (Page 917); Psalm 24:3-6 (Page 424)

DAY 3: Not Being Corrupted - 2 Corinthians 6:6-7 (Page 885); James 1:27 (Page 930)

DAY 4: Treat Others - Titus 2:14 (Page 918); 1 Peter 2:9 (Page 935)

DAY 5: Leadership Quality - 1 Timothy 5:22 (Page 912); Philippians 4:8 (Page 901)

DAY 6: Purity in Wisdom - James 3:17 (Page 931); James 4:8 (Page 932)

DAY 7: Pure in Heart - Matthew 5:8 (Page 736); Mark 7:20-23 (Page 767). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

ACTIVITY:

What is the point of purity in a culture that is morally corrupt?
List three benefits of keeping your mind and heart wholesome and right before God.

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?