

Purity, what do you think of? (answers regarding porn, sex, etc)

Is that where it starts for us as Christians?

“**“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?** I, Yahweh, search the heart; I test the inmost being, Even to give to each man *according to his ways, According to the fruit of his deeds.*”

(Jeremiah 17:9–10 LSB)

“Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and goes into the sewer? **But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.** For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.””

(Matthew 15:17–20 LSB)(Mark 7:21)

“Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the abundance of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And pure when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Behold, You delight in truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities.

v.10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And **do not take** Your Holy Spirit from me. **Restore to me** the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation;** Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.

v.17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

(Psalm 51:1–19 LSB)

“let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

(Hebrews 10:22–23 LSB)

“FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND UPON THEIR HEARTS I WILL WRITE THEM. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE LORD,’ FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.”

(Hebrews 8:10–12 LSB)

“The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil. For his mouth speaks from the abundance of his heart.”

(Luke 6:45 LSB)

purifies himself , just as He is pure.

“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not been manifested as yet what we will be. We know that when He is manifested, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

(1 John 3:2–3 LSB)

Pure in Heart

“He who has innocent hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to worthlessness And has not sworn deceitfully.”

(Psalm 24:4 LSB)

“Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart!
Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure And washed my hands in innocence;”

(Psalm 73:1, 13 LSB)

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

(Matthew 5:8 LSB)

Thoughts and words

“All the ways of a man are pure in his own sight, But Yahweh weighs the motives.”

(Proverbs 16:2 LSB)

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, consider these things.”

(Philippians 4:8 LSB)

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruits, without doubting, without hypocrisy.”

(James 3:17 LSB)

(Other verses to consider regarding thoughts and words:

Psalm 19:24, Matthew 12:36-37, Proverbs 12:18, 21:23, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:8, James 3:6)

Way Pure/Deeds

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.”

(Psalm 119:9 LSB)

“It is by his deeds that a young man makes himself known If his conduct is pure and right.”

(Proverbs 20:11 LSB)

“but like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves also in all your conduct**; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.””

(1 Peter 1:15–16 LSB)

Work Pure

“The way of a guilty man is perverse, But as for the pure, his work is upright.”

(Proverbs 21:8 LSB)

to the pure, all is pure, mind, conscience, works

“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but by their works they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and unfit for any good work.”

(Titus 1:15–16 LSB)

Guys

“My son, pay attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.
Do not let them deviate from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them And healing to all his flesh.
Guard your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.
Put away from you a perverse mouth And put devious lips far from you.
Let your eyes look directly ahead And even let your eyelids be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the track of your feet And all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.”

(Proverbs 4:20–27 LSB)

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

(1 John 2:16 LSB)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. But if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.”

(Matthew 5:27–30 LSB)

“For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. And in that way, by sinning against the brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore,

if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again—ever, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.”

(1 Corinthians 8:11–13 LSB)

“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, with modesty and self-restraint, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly clothing, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women professing godliness.”

(1 Timothy 2:9–10 LSB)