Series: "THE GOOD LIFE"
Part 6: "PURSUING PURITY"
Crossroads Community Church
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[8] *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*
Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

The problem is…..

- **We often settle for _____ rather than pursue _____**

[23] *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*
Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

Principles for the Pure in Heart….

1. **Focus should be placed on the _____, not merely the _____**

[27] *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'* [28] *But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*
Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)

[27] *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.* [28] *In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.*
Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)

[5] *However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.*
Romans 4:5 (NIV)

2. **_____ purity should propel us to pursue _____ purity**

[14] *As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.* [15] *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;* [16] *for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*
1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV)

2 Practices of the Pure in Heart….

1. **Pursue _____ above all else**

2. **_____ with the _____**

[4] *You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*
James 4:4 (NIV)

[7] *My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast;*
Psalm 57:7a (NIV)

Sermon Notes: