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BEING HAPPY ACCORDING TO JESUS



Matt 5:3-6

"Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those **who mourn**, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are **the meek**, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.

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Matthew 5:7

"Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive mercy. "Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God.

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Pure in Heart does not mean sinless.

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Types of Purity in the Bible
1. *Purity that belongs to God alone*

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Isaiah 6:3

*And one called out to another and said,
"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,,
The whole earth is full of His glory."*

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2. Purity that we will have in heaven

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1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is

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3. Purity that we should pursue now.

Matt. 5:8

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A. A clean (cleansed) heart

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Romans 5:1

*Therefore having been **justified** by faith, we
have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ,*

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Justification (legal)
In Christ, God drops all charges against us.

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Forgiveness (relational)
In Christ, God reconciles us to himself

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Cleansed (personal)
In Christ, God washes our heart and lives

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1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and
just to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse** us
from all unrighteousness.*

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Ezekiel 36:25-27

*"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you will be clean**; I will **cleanse** you from all **your filthiness** and from all your idols. "Moreover, I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*

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James 1:8
a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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Purity leads to Clarity

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Phil 3:13-15

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but **one thing I do:** forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

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James 4:8

*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify your hearts, you double-minded.***

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Ps 86:11

*Teach me your way, O Lord;
I will walk in your truth;*

***Unite my heart** to fear your name.*

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The more my heart is free from idolatry and lust (of the flesh, of the eyes, pride of life), the more I see what God sees, value what God values, and love what God loves. The more pure my heart is the more I will be able to grasp the will of God.

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Psalms 51:10

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

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