

Blessed
Pure in Heart
Matthew 5:8
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Matthew 5 ⁸ *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (NIV)*

1 Samuel 16 ⁷ *The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. (NLT)*

Psalms 51 ¹⁰ *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (NIV)*

I. How can I have a pure heart?

1. By being honest.

Proverbs 12 ²² *The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth. (NLT)*

Exodus 20 ¹⁶ *You must not testify falsely against your neighbor. (NLT)*

2. By refusing to gossip.

Proverbs 16 ²⁸ *A contrary person spreads conflict, and a gossip separates close friends. (CSB)*

4. By keeping your word.

Proverbs 25 ¹⁴ *Broken promises are worse than rain clouds that don't bring rain. (CEV)*

4. By being real.

2 Corinthians 5 ¹¹ *Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. (NLT)*

2 Corinthians 4 ² *We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open... so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God. (MSG)*

5. By being a good steward

Romans 13 ⁷ *Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority. (NLT)*

Matthew 22 ²¹ *Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God. (NLT)*

II. Action Steps

- 1. Begin this year by pursuing purity: being honest, resisting gossip, keeping promises & being real.**
- 2. If you're not currently giving, resolve to start tithing on a regular basis.**
- 3. Invite someone to church!**