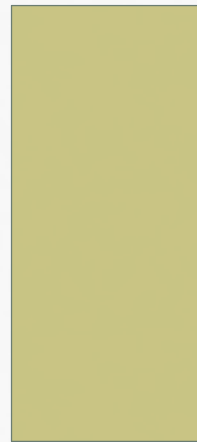


THE HEART OF THE MATTER

MATTHEW 5:8



Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
will see God.

Matthew 5:8

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 139:23-24

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- Jesus is concerned with our heart.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

Matthew 23:25-26

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is
the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23

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- Jesus is concerned with our heart.
- Purifying is a process.
- When we see God...
 - ... we enter his presence.

“Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place? He
who has clean hands and a pure
heart, who does not lift up his soul to
an idol, or swear by what is false.”

Psalm 24:3,4

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- Jesus is concerned with our heart.
- Purifying is a process.
- When we see God...
 - ... we enter his presence.
 - ...we are impressed.
 - ...we are comforted.
- God creates pure hearts.

“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness: let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:7-10