

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Series: *The Beatitudes*

– Matthew 5:8 –

I. THE CALL TO HEART PURITY

DEFINITION: *What do the terms mean?*

"HEART"

* Comprehensive term. . . the _____ of our _____ and _____

"PURE"

* Being _____

* Having _____

II. THE PATHWAY TO HEART PURITY

APPLICATION: *How do we keep our heart on the right path?*

1. Admit _____

2. Meditate _____

3. Act _____

4. Watch _____

5. Find _____

III. THE REWARD OF HEART PURITY

PROMISE: *How will we see God?*

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. Discuss how much you agree or disagree with this statement: "God is just as concerned with the 'internals' of our lives as He is with the 'externals' – He cares as much about what we are thinking as He does about what we are doing."
3. Review what Jesus says in Mark 7:14-23 about what makes a person "unclean." If this is what makes us unclean, what makes us *clean*?
4. How honest are you with yourself? Could your heart be deceiving you about the motives of some of your actions at work? At home? In relationships?
5. Is it ever too late for people to change the minds and come to Christ? Why or why not?
6. Which of the five application paths is your most significant challenge or need at present?
7. What shape is your heart in right now: (a) Like a piece of granite? (b) Being broken up by some hard blows? (c) Being softened by the steady "rain" of the Spirit and Word? (d) Other?