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A. The True Disciple (Part I): Who He is and His Reward (the Beatitudes), [5:1-12](#)

([Matthew 5:1-12](#)) Introduction: seldom in history have so few words been spoken with so much meaning. The Beatitudes of our Lord are powerful, holding before the world a descriptive picture of the true disciple of God. The Beatitudes cover the glorious hope and reward the believer can expect, now as well as in eternity.

1. Jesus saw multitudes ([v.1-2](#)).
2. The poor in spirit: shall be given the Kingdom of Heaven ([v.3](#)).
3. Those who mourn: shall be comforted ([v.4](#)).
4. The meek: shall inherit the earth ([v.5](#)).
5. Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness: shall be filled ([v.6](#)).
6. The merciful: shall obtain mercy ([v.7](#)).
7. The pure in heart: shall see God ([v.8](#)).
8. The peacemakers: shall be called the children of God ([v.9](#)).
9. The persecuted: shall be given the Kingdom of Heaven ([v.10-12](#)).

7. ([Matthew 5:8](#)) **Pure** (*katharoi*): to have a clean heart; to be unsoiled, unmixed, unpolluted; to be cleansed, purged, forgiven; to be holy; to have a single purpose, that of God's glory. There are several significant points to note about the “**pure in heart.**”

1. **The person who is “pure in heart” lives a clean life.**

a. He “keeps himself unspotted from the world.”

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world” ([James 1:27](#)).

b. He washes his heart from wickedness that he may be saved.

“Wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?” ([Jeremiah 4:14](#)).

c. He obeys the truth through the working of the Holy Spirit.

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently” ([1 Peter 1:22](#)).

d. He keeps his hands clean.

“He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation” ([Psalm 24:4-5](#)).



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e. He seeks to be without spot and blameless.

“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:14).

2. A person’s very best behavior is seldom (if ever) free from some mixture of self. It is questionable if a sinful creature can ever act perfectly—perfectly free from mixed motives. As the Bible says, **“there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (Romans 3:12).** The believer is to constantly search his heart and cleanse it of impure motives. Motives involving self are insidious and deceptive.

- a. Is a person employed primarily for self, or to serve Christ and to earn enough to help others who have a need ([Col. 3:24](#); [Ephes. 4:28](#))?
- b. Is a person ministering to help the needful, or to have a sense of self-satisfaction (cp. [Matthew 5:7](#))?
- c. Is a person worshipping to honor God, or to satisfy a feeling of obligation?
- d. Is a person praying daily to fellowship with God, or to gain comfortable feelings that he pleases God through praying?

Impure motives enter the believer’s heart so quietly, so deceptively. The believer is too often unaware of their presence. He needs to pray often: **“Create in me a clean heart, O God” (Psalm 51:10)!**

3. The “pure in heart” minister in two very practical areas:

- They visit the fatherless.
- They visit widows in their affliction.

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