

Character/Image: "I am Pure in Heart" - Pastor Kiersten Berthaudin

Sermon Notes: November 10, 2024

Text: Matthew 5:8

Introduction:

The age old debate: pure maple syrup, or table syrup? We easily settle for "good enough" because it seems easier, it's more accessible, and doesn't cost us much. The same is true when it comes to our character. We often settle for appearing to be pure in heart, than actually being pure in heart. Jesus has something to say about that, and offers a way forward.

BEING PURE IN HEART IS NOT AND CANNOT BE A LEGALISTIC SYSTEM.

BEING PURE IN HEART IS A GIFT FROM GOD TO BE RECEIVED.

1) We need to be spending time with Jesus.

Psalm 119:9

"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word."

2) Regularly check in.

- *What is the fruit that is being produced in my life right now?*
- *Where are my priorities right now?*

Psalm 51:10

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."



Life Group Discussion

Warm-Up:

Pure maple syrup or table syrup? Make your case!

Study & Discussion:

Read Matthew 5:8

1) What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?

2) What was the first thing that came to mind when reading “blessed are those who are pure in heart”?

3.) Take some time to answer the reflection questions from the message.

- **What is the fruit that is being produced in my life right now?**
- **Where are my priorities right now?**

4) What do you think of when you hear that those who are pure in heart will see God? What has your experience with this been like?

5) Being pure in heart is less about what we do and who we are with, and more to do with where we are. Have you seen this work out in your own life? What has this looked like for you?

PRAYER:

