

LIVING A *Blessed* LIFE

LIVING A BLESSED LIFE Part 5 – Be Clean Inside Matthew 5:8

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1. EXPERIENCE GOD.

A. Faith in the existence of God is a matter of instinct.

1. The word instinct means a behavior that isn't taught or learned. It is something that is inborn within us.
2. "When God wants to make sure a truth is never abandoned, He will put it in the instinct." (anonymous)

B. Experiencing God can be a reality for us. (Matthew 5:8)

1. *Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*
2. We will see God in heaven.

1 Corinthians 13:12 Now we see but a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

3. In one sense we can also see Him in the here and now.
 - a. *1 Corinthians 13:12 Now we see but a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*
 - b. The simple fact of life is that we see what we are open to see.
4. *John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him would not perish have everlasting life.*
5. We come to know God through receiving His Son, Jesus Christ, by repenting of our sin and trusting in Christ alone for our Salvation.

6. Jesus taught us that we can live in such a way that we can see “a reflection” of God meaning we can **sense** His Presence and His Voice and be at home with Him in this life.

2. TO GO TO A DEEPER LEVEL OF EXPERIENCING GOD REQUIRES A **PURE** HEART.

- A. The Word translated "pure" is the Greek word "katharsis" and means to be **clean** and unmixed.
- B. The word “heart” in the Bible means our **mind**, will and emotions; the motives, the innermost thoughts.
- C. *Psalm 24:3-4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? ⁴ He that has clean hands, and a **pure** heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

3. WHAT HELPS A PERSON **KEEP** A PURE HEART?

- A. Have a **single**-minded focus on God.
- B. Settle the **standards** of your life.

*Psalm 119:9,11 How can a person keep his way pure? By living according to your **Word**. ¹¹ Your Word have I hidden in my heart that I may not sin against You.*

- C. Limit what is **stored** in your heart.
 1. *Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good **treasure** of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*
 2. The key word is treasure. To treasure something means to **store up**. We are always storing things into our mind, just like a computer.
 3. *Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your **heart**, for it is the wellspring of life.*
 4. Change what comes **in** and then you will change what goes out.
- D. Keep your heart **clean** with God.

Action steps...

1. I will go to the Next Step Center after this service and talk with one of the ministers about how I can know Jesus as my Savior.
2. I will establish standards for my relationships, my career and my behavior that meet what God has said, in His Word, for my life.
3. I will guard my heart by limiting the “garbage” I will allow into my life.
4. I will keep my heart clean with God by daily confessing and turning from sins that have crept inside.

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