

ABUNDANT KINGDOM LIVING: THE PURE

For the week of February 2, 2020

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GOAL:

To understand and practice the discipline of purity for abundant Kingdom living.

GET GOING:

- When you hear the word “purity,” what are the first 3 words or phrases that come to mind? How do these words or phrases fall in line with or detract from this weekend’s message?
- Based on this weekend’s message, how would you explain what Jesus meant by *“Blessed are the pure in heart”*?
- How also would you explain *“...for they shall see God”*?
- Would you describe yourself as a person who is “pure in heart”? Why or why not? Who is someone you know that models this?

Memory Verse

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ”
(Philippians 1:9-10).



KEEP GROWING:

- If we are honest, purity may feel more restrictive (something I am not allowed to do) instead of liberating (allowing my life to flourish and thrive if I follow its principle). What cultural lies must we refuse in order to believe that purity is for our good?
- Read Matthew 15:8-9 and Matthew 23:25-28. In what ways do Jesus' words affirm or confront your understanding of "religion"?
- What weight (shame, guilt, pressure, etc.) does imputed purity (*cf.* 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9) remove from your life?
- Citizens of Jesus' Kingdom will see God when we both receive the purity of Jesus and pursue purity. Out of the two, 1) receiving the purity of Jesus and 2) pursuing purity, which comes most naturally? Why is that?
- Who is someone that you know that lives in the confidence of their imputed purity or pursues purity well? In what ways has their life displayed God's work and strengthened your faith?

Bonus Challenge

We are living in the here (Jesus' finished victory over sin) but not yet (waiting for the full realization of God's kingdom). Either on your own or in pairs of 2 or 3, think/share about what areas of your life you need to pursue purity the most.

