

Happiness In A High Tech World - Part 4

Nine Attitudes To Build My Life On

Matthew 5:1-12

Vs. 3 – Humility Vs. 4 – Brokenness Vs. 5 – Self-control Vs. 6 – Spiritual passion Vs. 7 – Mercy Vs. 8 – **Purity** Vs. 9 – Peacemaking
Vs. 10 – Endurance Vs. 11-12 – Faithfulness

Matthew 5:8 (NIV) *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

Pure in heart – to have unmixed motives

Opposite of pure in heart: John 12:43 (NIV) *“for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.”*

Matthew 6:1 (NIV) *“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”*

HOW DO I GET A PURE HEART?

Realize that God sees all

Matthew 6:4 (NIV) *“...Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Hebrews 4:13 (LB) *“He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done.”*

Remember to check your motives

Matthew 6:1 (NIV) *“...not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (Ph) *“We do not aim to please others, but to please God who knows us through and through.”*

Realign your priorities

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV) *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Recognize the Face of God

Isaiah 6:1,5 (NIV) *“...I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted... ‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’”*

King David’s prayer: Ps 51:10 (LB) *“Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires.”*

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

iWelcome

Question #1- What is the funniest thing you’ve ever watched on TV? OR What is your favorite sitcom? What makes it so funny?

Question #2- Which sitcom best describes your life...? “The Office”, “Everybody Loves Raymond”, “Hannah Montanna”, or “All in the Family”?

iWorship

Read the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy”...have one person read a verse and then continue until it’s all been read. Then, when finished take one minute of silence to contemplate the meaning of the hymn. Then talk about any aspect of God that stands out.

Verse 1

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning, Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

Verse 2

Holy holy holy, All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns, Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before Thee
Who were and are, And evermore shall be.

Verse 3

Holy holy holy, Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, In love and purity.

Verse 4

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

CCLI Song No. 1156/ © Public Domain
John Bacchus Dykes | Reginald Heber/ CCLI License No. 2414100

iWord - Isaiah 6:1 (NIV) *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"*

Isaiah tells of an actual vision of heaven where he saw God on His throne and it scared him. He said woe is me, I'm ruined. Why did he say he was ruined?

How important is it that we guard our mouths and speak what is right?
(Explain the next verse)

Matt 12:34 (NIV) *"...For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."*

So why does Isaiah attach his spiritual condition to his words?

Can you think of a time that someone was dishonest with you or used words to hurt you? How did it make you feel? What did you do?

Can you think of a time when you were dishonest or used words purposely to hurt another? What happened? What have you done about it?

In the message we heard that a pure heart is a heart with unmixed motives and that those who live this way will experience the ability to see God. What does that mean, to see God?

In what area of your life do you need to place attention in order to have pure motives again? What can you do? If you do this what can you expect from God?

iWalk

(God doesn't use perfect people, he uses people who make themselves available to God. Isaiah's sins were washed away and God used him greatly, just as God wants to use you)

As you walk this week with the Lord, pray this prayer every morning to start your day. *"Lord please create a clean heart within me. Remove the selfishness that causes me to neglect you and promote my sinful desires. Control my thoughts and fill me with Your presence, help me to see you and then use me - send me for You."*

Memory verse: Ps 51:10 (NIV) *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*