

MARINERS CHURCH



Cleaning up My Heart
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"Blessed are the pure in heart; for they will see God." -Jesus, Matthew 5:8

Heart

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:232 (ESV)

Pure

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God." -Jesus, Matthew 15:8-9 (NLT)

How can I keep my heart pure? Want it.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

Let God do an inventory

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)



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Do my part.

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. Psalm 119:9 (NLT)

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. 2 Timothy 2:21-22 (NLT)

I will see God.

*I will show how holy my great name is—
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. Ezekiel 36:23-26*

For my LifeGroup and time with my accountability partner...

Grow On Purpose Opener: How can our group increase our level of fellowship?

Talk about the question: "What does it take to be a good Christian?"

What are some of the external behaviors Christ followers focus on and what can happen if we focus too much on externals?

Jesus' harshest words were toward the religious leaders. Read Matthew 23:1-36 and talk about what you see here.

When was a time that God revealed to you that your heart wasn't 'pure' in some area of your life?