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## *Beatitudes: Characteristics from the Heavenly Realm*

### HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

### SERMON NOTES

Matthew 12:43-45

## **I. “Blessed are The Pure in Heart”**

### **A. Understanding Purity of Heart**

1. In today’s “ecologically conscious” environment, people are fearful of the polluting of our air & our water.
  - a. There is nothing we can put into air or water to purify it. To “purify” we must remove all contaminants.

Isaiah 55:7

- b. Some may fear their situation is too far gone/impure . . .

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:4

Psalms 51:10

Revelation 21:5

### **B. Pursuing a “Pure” Heart**

1. What doesn’t work . . .
  - a. “\_\_\_\_\_” = (rule-keeping), i.e., “Those who strive to appear ‘Religious’ on the outside.”

Matthew 15:7

Matthew 23:27

1 Samuel 16:7

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- b. “\_\_\_\_\_” (Politicized Religion): “They seek to change the world through political means.”

Genesis 1:31

Genesis 6:5

2. What Does Work . . .

- a. “Self-Examination . . .

Matthew 6:20-21

Matthew 12:34b-35

Matthew 15:18-20

Proverbs 4:23

**C. Five Steps to Purifying Your heart (We cannot do these things successfully without God’s help!)**

1. #1 – Admit our \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 20:9

Jeremiah 13:23

1 John 1:8-9

2. #2 - Ask God \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 36:26

Matthew 5:27-28

3. Draw Close to God

James 4:8

4. Watch What You Watch

Job 31:1

5. Take Responsibility: (**Pro. 23:7; Psa. 119:11; 1 Jn. 3:3-4**)

**CONCLUSIONS:**

John 14:9; Acts 15:9

2 Corinthians 4:18; 5:7; Hebrews 5:9; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9; Mark 16:15-16