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Conquering Truths Lesson 4 - A Pure Heart - Brotherly Kindness

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A Pure Heart



Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

A heart in every thought renewed, And full of Love divine; Perfect and right, and pure and good, A copy, Lord, of Thine. Thy Nature, gracious Lord, impart, Come quickly from above; Write Thy New Name upon my heart, Thy new, best Name of Love.

Related verses:

Matthew 5:8; Matthew 12:34; Ezekiel 36:25-26; Psalms 51:1-3; Psalms 51:6-7; Psalms 51:9-10; 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalms 139:23-24; Proverbs 23:7.

The Pure Heart loves Truth because it is filled with Love. It rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the Truth. (1 Corinthians 13:6) A Pure heart fervently prays that Truth, like an overflowing, clear stream, may make its onward way in the earth. John 17:17 ***Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*** A Pure Heart has faith as its internal principle, the motive, the embryo, of the secret life out of which character grows. It is a remarkable fact, that while Jesus himself insisted on faith in almost every discourse, and the Apostles were continually enjoining all the virtues that make up Character, the word "Character" does not occur in the New Testament. The reason, however, is plain when we see fully the relation of faith to the whole man. "Character" refers rather to what one is, in his relations to others, though as distinguished from reputation it means what a man actually is in those relations and not

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what he is supposed to be by them." But Faith refers to what he is in his own heart and thus what he must be to others. His character tells us how he will behave; his faith why he behaves as he does. His character speaks for his conscience and his principles; his Faith speaks for his affections, as well as his conscience, and plants his principles on the only sure foundation Love and Trust toward his Lord, and a fervent communion with the Spirit." Without this faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

A Pure Heart is filled with Wisdom. Proverbs 4:5 *Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.* Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.* Of all knowledge, the knowledge of God is the primary. There is no true wisdom without Godliness. The regenerate heart has always the devoted fear which is the essence of Wisdom. It is not a fear that grovels in the dust, or crouches in terror, that calls upon the rocks and mountains to hide the soul from the presence of God. It is loving confidence and perfect trust. It is a fear allied with that perfect love which casteth out fear. (1 John 4:18)

James 3:17 *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*

"Other knowledge I disdain,
I trample on my wealth and pride
Only Jesus will I know,
And Jesus crucified!"

A pure heart seeks knowledge that tends to edification, or building up the character of goodness and truth selfish reasons for the gaining of knowledge will be disdained. The knowledge of Jesus and Him crucified embraces the whole creation of God. John 1:3 *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* The Cross is the focal point of all wisdom. Colossians 1:20 *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.* A pure heart seeks to know Jesus (John 17:3)

A pure heart is always known by Righteousness. It is the glowing declaration in the prophecy of Isaiah 61:3, that them who with a godly sorrow for sin shall be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

The pure heart is a sound heart, sound to the core, like the true typical tree. He is right with God and true to humanity. He can always be trusted. He will always guard and foster equity, justice and truth. His word is always as good as his bond. His work is sincere, his integrity strong, honest and true.

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Righteousness, but not self-righteousness, a pure heart displays. It is the life of the hidden Christ within that is manifested. As the sap flows from deepest root to topmost twig, so does the a pure heart towards in a life of Christ sustain and vitalize every thought, word and deed of the Christian being. We are thus clothed upon with His righteousness. It is His, but it is also ours. The branch cannot live apart from the vine; neither can the Christian apart from Christ. (John 15:4)

A pure heart possesses the innocence which comes to it through faith in the only One who is holy, innocent, and undefiled. It is virtue that is to be ours, through conflict with sin, and through our overcoming all the forces of evil, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

(1 Thessalonians 1:10) Through faith in Him we are treated by a Holy God as though we were actually guiltless of sin; for our sins are blotted out our transgressions to be remembered against us no more forever. (Acts 3:19; Hebrews 10:17; Psalm 103:12). It is by the righteousness of Christ that we are thus held to be innocent.

God who has reconciled the world to Himself by the Sacrifice of His Son, we can say with no wavering in our tones of exultant joy.

"No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, with all in Him, is mine. Alive in Christ,
my living head,
Clothed with righteousness divine; Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own."

A pure heart thinketh no evil; therefore, it is the abiding home of purity and holy thoughts. It is the pure in heart who shall see God and who will reflect Him in their pure and fruitful lives. (1 Corinthians 13:5; Matthew 5:8)

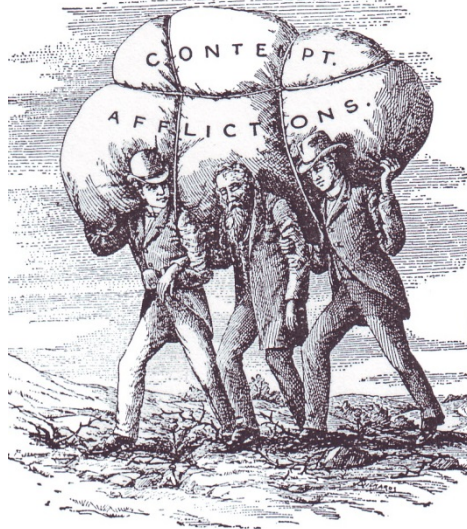
From this Pure Heart shall songs arise which angel lips can never sing: Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,* Revelation 4:11 *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Amen!*

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Brotherly Kindness



Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Lo the man bends beneath his load, travels wearily his lengthening road; contempt's vast weight, backed by afflictions sore, Incline him now to give his journey o'er; With groaning sick, with labor faint, he stops, on the pathway tottering, almost drops: But ere he prostrate falls, relief is near, Two brethren of the Christian band appear; Their cheerful aid they speedily impart, To ease his burden, and relieve his heart; His willing shoulder each one runs to lend, And on he travels to his journey's end.

Related verses:

John 13:35; Colossians 3:11-12; Matthew 18:21-22; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Peter 1:7; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 3:8

Look at the man as he travels bending beneath his burden, unaided, alone. Almost pressed to the earth, he would fain have given his journey over. His heart was sick within him; his bones were wearied; may thought he would lay himself down and die. But before he sunk under the pressure, he saw two friends coming toward him. He endeavors now to hold out a little longer. Presently they arrive, and give him a friendly salutation. They are not like the others who pass by on the other side; at once they hasten to his relief; each one puts his shoulder to the burden. Now it is lighter; the man draws breath; they encourage him with kind words, but still more with their efficient help. Nor do they leave him until he arrives at the end of his journey.

Brotherly Kindness goes the extra mile to help the burdened soul traveling on in the way of duty, bearing affliction and contempt. Afflictions such as are common to men press heavily upon him; contempt and tribulation, peculiar to those who will live godly in Christ Jesus. One may be among lions ready to sink, his head is sick, his heart is faint. He may be

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saying to himself I shall one day fall by my enemies; I may as well give up first as last." Just now some Christian brethren call upon him, find out his trouble, and immediately propose to help him. They furnish him with pecuniary aid, assist him with their prayers and counsel, and being disciples of Jesus, they resolve to bear a part of the reproach of Christ. They unite with their afflicted brother in stemming the torrent of wickedness that runs down the streets, and in advancing the kingdom of God on the earth. All this sympathy and aid makes a new man of him; he again lifts up his head, and goes on his way rejoicing.

The blessed Redeemer established his cross on the earth as the rallying point for all hearts, that being softened there by divine love they might be united to our Lord. Brotherly kindness unites each other in the bonds of a holy Father. John 13:34 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* Galatians 6:2 *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

Under the Jewish dispensation the Bible says that they were to help those even if they hated them Exodus 23:5 *If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him. it was ordained that " if thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, thou shall., surely help with him.* How much more powerful is the weight of the Christian's obligation?

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
We share our mutual woes',
Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

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Name _____

1. What chapter in the Bible depicts a Pure heart?
2. What does a Pure Heart and Brotherly Kindness have in common?
3. Define the following words.
 - a. Word
 - b. word
4. Why the statement on page 3 "*which angel lips can never sing*"?
5. Even if you hate the person, you are commanded to help him, where in the Bible is this taken from?
6. Explain the difference.
 - a. Character
 - b. Reputation
 - c. Faith

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7. Explain how wisdom is an integral part of a pure Heart?
8. Explain how a Pure Heart is in relation to our thought life?
9. Explain edification and brotherly kindness work together?
10. The person who says they believe in God and yet they have no fellowship with Him or God's people; explain why their belief is flawed?
11. Explain Matthew 5:41 in relation to this lesson.
12. How did this lesson speak to you?

True/false

- Galatians 6:2 is speaking only of fellow believers.
- If you help an afflicted soul you may very well keep them from falling any deeper into their affliction.
- We fear the Lord, because we love Him.

Scripture memorization, write out these verses on the back on this page:
James 3:17; Proverbs 9:10; Revelation 4:11(Must be in KJV)

Any questions?