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The primary meaning of the word "pure" is singular or unmixed.

2 Chronicles 16:9 - The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth that He may strengthen those whose heart is *completely His*.

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. (**Mt. 19:22**)

Luke 5:22 - Jesus knew what they were *thinking* and asked, "Why are you *thinking* these things in your *hearts*?"

John 14:27 - Jesus said, "Don't let your *hearts* be *troubled* and don't be *afraid*."

Daniel 1:8 - Daniel *determined* in his *heart* that he wouldn't defile himself.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the *outside* of the cup and dish, but *inside* you're full of greed and self-indulgence... First clean the *inside* of the cup and dish, and then the *outside* also will be clean... You're like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the *outside* but on the *inside* are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the *outside* you appear to people as righteous but on the *inside* you're full of hypocrisy and wickedness." (**Mt.23:25-28**)

Kent Hughes: *When we pass from this world and see the face of Christ, the joy of that first split second will transcend all the accumulated joys of life.*

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Kent Hughes: *The purer our hearts become, the more we'll see of God in this life. The more our hearts are focused on God, absorbed with Him, concentrated on His being, and freed from distractions, the more we'll see Him.*

1. The pure in heart see God in Creation.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. **(Ps.29:3-4)**

The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. **(Ps.29:7)**

2. The pure in heart see God in life's circumstances.

Genesis 45:8 - "It wasn't you who sent me here, but God. He's the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh--the manager of his entire palace and governor of all Egypt."

1. Be honest with God.

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Ps. 139:23 - Search me, O God, and know my heart! Test me and know my thoughts!

2. Confess your sins to God.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to *cleanse* us from all unrighteousness.

3. Pray for purity.

Psalm 51:10 - "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me."

4. Draw close to God every day.

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James 4:8 - Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

5. Fill yourself with God's Word.

John 15:3 - "You're already clean because of the word I've spoken to you."

Psalm 119:9, 11 - How can a young person stay pure? By living according to your word... I've hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

6. Stop complaining.

Philippians 2:14-15 - Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure.

7. Focus on the day you see Christ face to face.

1 John 3:2-3 - Dear friends, we're already God's children, but He hasn't yet shown us what we'll be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we'll be like Him, for we'll see Him as He really is. Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
