

- Introduction:**
1. The Beatitudes have a proper order to them...
 2. Each one is descriptive of a real and necessary spiritual trait found only in the true child of God.

I. The Heart Defined...

A. It's our very core, who we really are... Proverbs 27:19

B. It Requires Attention (our first priority...) Proverbs 4:23

1. It is basic to life itself, Proverbs 23:7; Psalm 64:6
2. God looks upon the heart... *Psalm 51:6*

C. The Heart's Natural and True Condition...

“It is either bad or good...” “It is either heavenly or earthly focused...”

1. Our primary problem is a “heart problem...”
2. It is every man's problem... *Ecclesiastes 9:3 cf. Matthew 12:34*

Observation: The world disagrees and sees the symptoms of the problem and does their best to treat them...

3. God will judge the condition of man's heart... *Proverbs 17:3; Hebrews 4:12*

II. The Children of God “are” Pure in Heart...

A. God is the only one who is essentially pure... Hebrews 7:26

B. Man in the beginning was “originally pure...”

C. Purity of Heart suggests:

1. Cleansing... *Romans 2:29*
2. Wholeness... *James 4:8; Matthew 6:24*

D. How is Purity of Heart Possible?

1. Of ourselves we are sinners (impure) *Jeremiah 2:22*
2. The gracious work of God... *John 3:3 cf. Ezekiel 11:19-20*

Lesson: *Acts 16:14*

E. Purity of Heart does not imply Perfection (being without sin...) Romans 7:19-20 & 22

Observation: