What Does It Mean to Be Pure

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INTRODUCTION

- A diamond is valuable because it's a diamond. A person is valuable because of what God has made that person.
- Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see God. Not just blessed are those who don't have a lot of bad things in their heart.
- Blessed are those who want none of self and all of thee. That's what we mean by being pure.

1 Purity Is Possible

Daniel 1:8

- We do our young people a disservice when we keep on talking about how we know they're going to mess up.
- Daniel, 15 years old. Away from home. Purpose in his heart.
- Don't ever tell yourself that you can't be pure.
- Purity is possible. If we'll set our mind on it.
- I am going to be pure for my God. And then act accordingly.

2 Purity Is a Lifelong Goal

- We honor Daniel. Because Daniel was pure when he was young. And Daniel was pure when he was old.
- Daniel maintained that purity up until 85.
- When we talk about purity, we're talking about one who's wholly devoted to God.
- It's oftentimes in our later years that sometimes that begins to slip.
- Being pure in heart and devoted to God isn't just something for the kids. It's something for me and something for you.

3 Purity Is Important

Daniel 1:2; Daniel 6:10

- Daniel made up his mind. He would not defile himself.
- He continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God.
- Being pure in heart, devoted to God is important to Daniel.
- We were created pure. We were created in the very image of God.
- He redeemed us so that we could be holy as he is holy.
- He says it for a reason, because he created us holy. We need to stay holy.

THE CHALLENGE

He created us in his image. He redeemed us in his image. And we're to be pure. We're to be holy.

MY NOTES