

## Beautiful - A Pure Heart

• You and I are invited by Jesus to live "The good life."

"Trying to be happy without a sense of God's presence is like trying to have a bright day without the sun." - A.W. Tozer

- Matthew 5:8
- For the Hebrew mind, "heart" is the entire interior life of the person.

## A Pure Heart and Inner Struggle

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 7:19
- Much of our life begins with the heart.
- Proverbs 4:23
- Our heart is the CEO of our life.

#### A Pure Heart and the Hebrew Mindset

- Psalm 24:3-4a
- External "clean hands" and Internal "clean heart."
- By the first century, the Jewish people placed focus on the external.
- Matthew 23:25
- Jesus places His emphasis on purity of heart.
- "Pure" = undesirable elements being removed, and singleness of heart



## A Pure Heart and King David

- A pure heart is repentant Psalm 51:10
- A pure heart is undivided Psalm 86:11

"Purity of heart is to will one thing." -Soren Kierkegaard

- A pure heart seeks God's will.
- Following Jesus is not just rescue from bad things, it's rescue also for the good of others.

#### A Pure Heart and Its Pursuit

- God doesn't expect perfection.
- God's primary purpose is not about making "bad" people "good," but to make spiritually dead people alive.
- The path to a pure heart is accepting what Jesus did to forgive our sin and then bringing each piece of our life under His control.

# A Pure Heart and Seeing God

- Matthew 5:8
- Our eyes become open as God reveals Himself.
- 1 Corinthians 13:12