

Whatever Is Pure and Lovely!
Whatever, Pt.3
Philippians 4:8

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Philippians 4:8, Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Romans 12:1, Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Proverbs 4:23, Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Daniel 1:8, But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

2 Samuel 11:1, In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army... **2** One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, **3** and David sent someone to find out about her...

Psalms 51:10, Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

How Do I Protect or Restore a Pure Heart?

1. RECOGNIZE What Pollutes Your Heart

Mark 7:20, He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. **21** For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, **22** adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. **23** All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

James 1:14, but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

2. REMOVE What Doesn't Belong

Psalms 101:3, I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it.

Ephesians 5:11, Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

2 Timothy 2:22, Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

3. REPLACE It With What Is Pure and Lovely

Colossians 3:1, Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Psalms 119:9, How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. **10** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. **11** I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

4. REFLECT the Character of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:18, *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Matthew 5:8, *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

Matthew 5:16, *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*