

The Godly Man

Study Guide Questions

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OBTAINING A PURE HEART

Study Questions

Gaining a Pure Heart

- Write down the functional definition for a pure heart.
- What condition does Jesus give us in Matthew 5:8 for us to see God?
- What can be discovered by an examination of the various weaknesses of your life?
- What weaknesses do you have in your life?

Seeking a Pure Heart

- What are several things we must do to gain a pure heart?
- How were we originally designed?
- What are those things called that we might at times have a greater loyalty or trust in than God?
- How does God look at our lives? Study 1 Samuel 16:7 and explain.

The Reward of a Pure Heart

- What is the best indication that we have a pure heart?
- How did Moses indicate that he had a pure heart? Get your answer from Exodus 33:13-23.
- How does John say that we should purify ourselves in this present world (1 John 3:1-3)?

The Need for a Pure Heart

- Why can't people see God's good and lovely works around them? Are they there? Why wouldn't a special sign or wonder help them?
- How does John 3:18-20 further describe man's need for a 'pure heart,' a heart given by God?

An Unbeliever's Heart

- What does, “You were dead in your trespasses and sins” mean (Ephesians 2:1-2)?
- Name at least four things that Jesus says come from one's natural heart (Matthew 15:19).
- Is the natural 'heart' and the word 'flesh' the same? Explain.

Gaining a New Heart

- What is one of the big differences between genuine Christianity and other religions (including Christianity as a religion)?
- How can you tell whether a person has a new heart from God or not?
- How does Jesus explain to Nicodemus on how to gain a new heart (John 3)?

A Believer's Heart

- What does it mean for a believer to love God the way Jesus says in Mark 12:30?
- How does this new heart help us?

Our Stained Heart

- Why is it that a believer with a new heart might do the wrong thing?
- Name at least three out of the four basic steps to 'dying to one's self'?
- Will we feel at times as a believer that we have to serve the flesh? What are a few things we could do?
- What should we conclude about our lives if we are growing slowly as Christians?

The Fragmented Heart

- How can we detect whether a person has a fragmented heart?
- Why does a person get lukewarm?

- How does our love for God shown in the way that we love our neighbors?
- Explain with one or two examples how a person might not love God by providing for or caring for his family.

A Spiritual Heart Checkup

- How can a person detect how his or her spiritual heart is doing?
- What do you want to achieve in life? Why?
- Where do you spend your free time? Why?

The Hardened Heart

- What is one major reason listed here that cause Christians to be worn or burnt out?
- What does a singular devotion to the Lord enable us to do well?
- Why are temptations so effective?
- How do we soften (or cure) the hardened heart?

Finishing Well

- Should we be concerned about our falling into sin?
- Is it possible not to fall? How can we do this?

Testimonies on Pure in Heart

- What experience in life has helped you best understand this concept of pure in heart?
- What does it mean for you to be pure in heart? What two or three steps do you need to take? When will you take them?

STEPPING DOWN INTO HUMILITY

Study Questions

Humble, not Pride

- Why does the scriptures often tell us to humble ourselves and get rid of our pride?
- What is the easiest way to observe the pride in our lives as believers?
- Write down the functional definition for humility.

The Secret of Humility

- When can a person grow?
- Why does the Lord have us endure difficult life circumstances?
- What is the secret of keeping from falling victim to our pride?

The Suffering Servant

- Name the five descriptive steps of the Messiah's life from Isaiah 52:13-53.
- Even though God highly honored the Messiah, He allowed His Son to suffer. Would He do that with His other children (believers)?
- What is the best way to respond to such suffering or difficult times?

Humility and Suffering

- If our main goal in life is to pursue happiness, then we will _____ suffering (fill in blank).
- Are there anything such as pure 'accidents' that occur to God's people?
- How should we think of sickness or actual suffering such as persecution in light of our need for humility?

Humility and Rewards

- What can we learn from the way God promised rewards for someone that would go through times of suffering in Isaiah 52:13-53?
- How does the Lord connect humility and reward in 2 Chronicles 34:27?
- How are rewards spoken of in Hebrews 11:13-16? How does God show His pleasure to those who look toward such things?

The Pattern of Humility

- Why does the Lord sometimes bring extra special spiritual blessings or comfort in our lives?
- What were Jesus' two special times of spiritual blessing? What happened after each?

Kinds of Humility

- Name at least five kinds of ways by which we are humbled.
- How might God use sickness in our lives?
- What does it mean to learn humility from design?

Jesus, the Pioneer of Humility

- How did the world during Jesus' time look upon being humble?
- Some people and cultures have learned to prize an outward form of humility. How is this still different from genuine humility?
- List the three model steps down toward humility that Jesus took from Philippians 2:5-8.

Humility and Leadership

- Name at least three dangers pride has toward those in Christian leadership?
- Is it wrong to seek honored positions? Explain.
- How does pride fool a person who thinks about holding an honored position?

- What are at least two differences between the world's concept of leadership and Christ's?

Dying to Self

- How do chapters 5 and 6 of Romans aid us in our understanding about dying to self?
- Jesus' death not only meant that He died in place of our sins but what else?
- What needs to happen before we can die to our flesh (old nature)?

Moses & Humility

- Quote Numbers 12:3. Do you usually think of Moses from this perspective? Explain.
- How might Psalm 90:3-4 help us humble ourselves?
- How does Psalm 90:14 provoke us to find meaning in life even though we are not of great importance?

Replacing Pride with Humility

- What is the proper way to look at life and God's will?
- What are two basic problems getting God's work done? Explain.
- What are the three stages of Moses' life? How long did God prepare Moses for this work?

Steps Down towards Humility

- How does praising others increase one's humility?
- How does thanking God for sickness help our humility?
- How does fasting help develop humility?

Testimonies on Humility

- Do you fast? When was the last time you fasted? Why?

- Have you joined Jesus in staying awake all night?
- How has God used a humbling experience to help you?

GRACE AND GRACIOUSNESS

Study Questions and Answers

Grace and Graciousness

- Write down the functional definition for grace.
- Why is a godly person not best described as a person who keeps himself from the world?

Grace for Difficult Times

- Why does God 'test' His people such as Joseph (cf. Psalm 105:17,19)?
- How does God use testings to help us love Him more?

Grace to Forgive

- What are three great ways Joseph in the Old Testament shows God's grace at work in his life?
- What is the first step towards properly forgiving someone?
- What is the second step towards properly forgiving?
- What is the third step to properly forgiving others?

Grace and God's People

- Why does Psalm 106 so beautifully portray God's grace?
- Why is it important for each person to record how at times they had not sought God?
- Describe at least four signs of forgetting God's grace that take God's people from revival to despair (Psalm 106:10-15)?

Grace in the NT

- What language was the New Testament originally written in? How many times was the word for 'grace' used in the New Testament?
- Write down two verses that speak of God's abounding or overflowing grace?
- What part does grace have in our salvation? Explain.

Grace in the OT

- What was the most significant contribution of the Reformation (in Europe)?
- How do the words grace and mercy overlap?
- Where does the power and confidence of the Christian derive?

Good Gifts of Grace

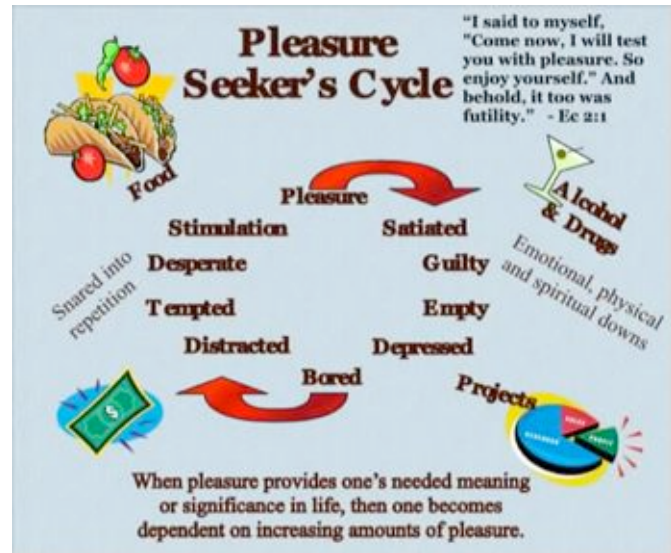
- What does God owe the people spread across the earth?
- What does the author mean by God 'not bringing us into a low entry level of grace'?
- What way does Ephesians 4:7 tell us how God has especially blessed His people?

Saying Grace

- How should animals and people differ on the way they eat?
- How can we sanctify things by means of God's Word?
- Prayer is the other means by which what we eat is sanctified. What is the major problem people face when giving thanks?

Grace & Pleasure

- Is pleasure good? How do we know it comes from God?
- Observe the chart on Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. What is wrong with the way pleasure is used there?
- State at least two purposes God has designed pleasure in this world.



Testimonies on God's Grace

- How has God's grace made you gracious?
- What are some practical steps you have taken to be more gracious?
- Name one way God has written grace into the story of your life.

THE POWER OF LOVE

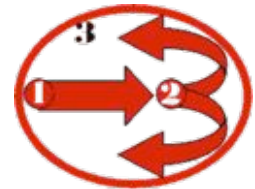
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Power of Love

- What is the functional definition of love.
- How is God's love intensive?
- How does a feeling of love differ from God's love?

Love is God's Way

- Explain the phrase, "We like the gifts and forget the giver." How should it be?
- Explain the three steps of God's love flow.
- God made parents to replicate God's love to their children. Name a few tragic things that happen to children who do not receive love from their parents.



God is Love

- Write down these two verses: 1 John 4:7, 11. Where does love come from?
- We get to know more of God's love by knowing Him more. How can we love God more?
- How do we know if we really love God?

Looking for Genuine Love?

- Love is greater than the Law. When one fulfills the law of love, He necessarily fulfills God's righteousness. How does God's love help a person overcome anger?
- How does love for a person keep them from lusting after them?
- In Matthew 5:48 what does Jesus tell His disciples? What does it mean?

Seeking the Fullness of God's Love

- What is the first goal that Paul prays for the people (see Ephesians 3:16-17)?
- What is the second great blessing mentioned in Ephesians 3:18-19?
- What does it mean to “know the love of Christ ...”?

Love's Mighty Touch

- If we are to examine our lives and ministries, how should we start? (See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
- What does “love bears all things” mean?
- How can the truth of the phrase, “Love never fails” help strengthen our faith to love others?

Love in Marriage

- What is a married man called to do?
- What shall a man do when he tries to love his wife, but she just seems hardened and cold?

Tough Love: Love and Discipline

- Why do God discipline (chastise) believers rather than all people? Isn't the Christian better than those in the world?
- Hebrews 12:6 states that the Lord will scourge His people if necessary. Why would He do this if He loves His people?
- What are the two wrong responses to the Lord's discipline (Hebrews 12:5)? What do each mean?

Love for Our Neighbor

- What is the difference in the way that the modern world and Christ define freedom?
- How does the world differ from God's people in the way they love?

Testimonies on God's Love

- How has God's love kept you from lusting after women and things?

- It is often hard to love the unlovely. Give an example when you did not do what you felt but what you should do (such as to parents, spouse, friend, etc.).

- Has your love for God increased in the last year or so? Explain.

TRUTH, NOT DECEPTION

Study Questions and Answers

Truth, not Lies

- What is the functional definition of love.
- How is truth defined?
- How does Titus 1:1 speak about the importance of truth in living a godly life?

The Necessity of Truth

- What is the Messiah's threefold goal on earth? See Psalm 45:4.
- Truth speaks to the sphere of the _____. Meekness speaks of the sphere of the _____. Righteousness speaks of the sphere of the _____. (Fill in the blanks).

The Truth of God

- What does Jesus mean by saying that He is the truth?
- How is Satan's method of deceit like a virus?

The Power of Truth

- How do people come to know God (Ephesians 1:13)?
- Once the truth has entered a believer's life, how is it supposed to shape their lives (Ephesians 4:15)?
- What does it mean to 'gird your loins with truth' (Ephesians 6:14)?

Walking in Integrity

- How are our personal relationships affected by truth and deception?
- Why is lying so popular? List at least three reasons.
- What are three ways that the modern generation twist the truth?

Notice how the concept of truth has eroded in the following statements: Everyone's opinions and beliefs are right. The victim is always right. Stories are more revealing than truth. Statistics are more accurate than facts. Presentation is more crucial than reality. Image is more influential than actuality.

God's Word and Truth

- How does the word 'truth' teach us that the word of God is infallible deserving our full trust?
- Describe those that deny the truth of God's Word.
- The psalmist of Psalm 119 does not use 'truth' as one of the many synonyms for God's Word. Why?

A Biblical History of Truth

- What two meanings are joined together in the Hebrew word 'amen?' How might the two ideas blend together?
- What characteristics are important in selecting reliable men (see Exodus 18:21)? Why is truth so important?
- What is the root meaning of the New Testament word for truth (*aletheia*)?

Discerning the Truth

- What is truth? How does it differ from falsehood?
- Science is supposed to be the study of matter (i.e. creation). How is science often wrongly pursued?
- How did the evil one wrongly use truth when He tempted Jesus?

Testimonies on the Truth, not Deception

- How has God's truth kept you from deceiving others?

- How has God's truth encouraged you when you have fallen?

- What kind of image do you project to others? What do you hide from others?

- What practical steps have you taken to love God's Word more?

FAITH & FAITHFULNESS

Study Questions and Answers

Faith and Faithfulness

- Why are godly men by definition men who live by faith?
- What is the functional definition of faith?
- What does it mean to live on past faith? Why do we need to go beyond this?

Faith: The Tie between Heaven and Earth

- How are our frustrations in life linked up to our opportunities to grow in faith?
- List at least three tests the men of Hebrews 11 faced.
- What life trial have you faced? Do you think you might face some in the future? Why or why not?

Biblical Faith vs. the World's Faith

- What are some characteristics of the world's faith in our present generation?
- Is humanism new? How do we know this?
- What are the two problems of humanism?

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

- Why was the 16th century Reformation so influential?
- How did Martin Luther find spiritual freedom?
- How many Biblical verses state, “the just shall live by faith”? Name two of them?
- What two problems does modern evangelicalism have?

God's Rich Faithfulness

- What does 'God is faithful in His dealings with mankind' mean?
- Name three special situations requiring prayers (as seen in 1 Chronicles 6).
- Why should we never think our sin is too bad to forgive?

Studying the Words of Faith

- How can we enrich our understanding of faith?
- Why is it so important to believe in something reliable?
- Why is Genesis 15:6 the scriptural origin of the Gospel?

Developing Faith into Faithfulness

- What are two parts of the process of meditating?
- How does meditation increase faithfulness?

God's Faithfulness in Us

- How does a person show his unfaithfulness?
- Name at least one way God, in contrast to man, is faithful.
- How does God faithfully carry out His judgment?
- Name two parts of the process by which God establishes His faithfulness in us.

God's Faithfulness and Demonic Scheming

- How do we know God will be faithful to us, His people?
- What are the three steps Satan uses to make people question God's faithfulness?

- What does a study in Jeremiah show about God's faithfulness and His people's unfaithfulness?

Testimonies on God's Faithfulness

- How has God personally shown His faithfulness to you?

- How does one grow in one's faith?

- What are some practical steps you have taken to grow in faith?

WAITING ON GOD, NOT MAN

Study Questions and Answers

Waiting Upon God not Man

- How is waiting upon God related to our Christian growth?
- What is one functional definition for ‘waiting upon God?’
- Why do we feel inadequate and confused during these ‘waiting’ times?

Waiting and Planning Isaiah 29-32

- What is required from us in order to discover God’s will (see Isaiah 29:16)?
- Why was God so upset with His people for trying to protect themselves (see Isaiah 30:1-12)?
- Name at least three symptoms of foolish planners from Isaiah 32:5-7.

Steps to Waiting on God Isaiah 38

- How did the Lord bring Hezekiah to wait upon him (see Isaiah 38)?
- What are the three principles to waiting upon God?
- What are two things that characterized Hezekiah’s prayer?

Failing to Wait ... Genesis 16, 17, 22

- Why are perfectionists so sensitive to criticism?
- How did Abraham fail? Explain.
- Waiting on God has everything to do with timing. How is Abraham a good example of this?

Is 'Waiting upon God' biblical?

- When and who popularized the concept for 'waiting' on God?
- How does the meaning of 'wait upon' the Lord differ from believe or trust in?
- List at least four things that people wait upon God for.

Waiting for Ministry ... 1 Samuel 16:6-13

- Why is God so interested in training?
- What three lessons did the Lord teach Samuel so that he could find the right one for the job?
- What are some important lessons David learned through his waiting upon God?

Waiting for Revenge ... Psalm 52

- What evil did David see or hear about (1 Samuel 22:9-22)?
- Is it okay to wish for revenge?
- Write down one of the four "I's" in Psalm 52: 8-9 and describe how it can help us have a right attitude toward evil actions.

Waiting for a Wife ... Genesis 6:1-3

- Why is waiting for a godly wife so important?
- What was faulty with the way wives were chosen in Genesis 6:1-3?
- How can you seek a godly wife?

Trusting Through Treachery ... Psalm 55

- How is treachery different than regular acts of violence or injustice (Ps 55:12-14)?
- List three of six descriptions David has of the one who betrayed him. Note how each makes it extra difficult to forgive.

- What are the five steps to fully deal with betrayal?

Waiting for Christ's Return

- How is 'alien' a good description for God's people (cf. 1 Peter 1:1; Hebrews 11:9-10)?
- What does it mean if we are not eagerly waiting for Christ's return?
- List at least four things that we need the Lord to do upon His return?

Testimonies on Waiting upon the Lord

- Share why you had to 'wait upon Him' during a certain period in life.
- How have you found that waiting upon the Lord destroys your ungodly self-confidence?

GOODNESS & CONTENTMENT

Study Questions and Answers

Goodness and Contentment

- When a man spends time with God, what will he discover about God?
- What is the functional definition of goodness?

Discovering of God's Goodness

- List at least five of God's special marks of 'goodness' in creation.
- How many times is the word 'good' used in Genesis 1? Describe the pattern in which the word 'good' is used.
- State four of the seven principles developed from these verses.

Good and Evil * Genesis 2

- Why could evil not proceed from God?
- List three of the five statements that help us understand evil in this world.
- "Any discussion of good and evil must be presented _____." Complete.

Godliness and Contentment

- Why can't a Christian get the best from both worlds?
- What is it called when we love the world just a little?
- Explain the illustration of the door. Which side are you on?

Discontent Breeds Temptation Psalm 73:25-28

- What is the best way to fight temptation?
- How does temptation work?

- State at least five principles of a godly man that we observe from Psalm 73:25-28?

Goodness and Suffering

- If we really believed in _____, we would not need an explanation of evil. (Fill in).
- What does God give to help us understand our problem in Romans 5:3-5?
- What was Paul's secret of contentment even when he had suffered or had different unmet needs?

Good Works and Salvation

- Why were the Pharisees convinced that they were right about the sabbath?
- Differentiate between four kinds of false teaching: Faith Losers, Faith Changers, Faith Killers and Faith Showers?
- How are we to view the sabbath?

A Case for Goodness * 1 Timothy & Gnosticism

- Why does 1 Timothy use 'good' so much for such a small book?
- List the two teachings common with all forms of Gnosticism.
- How do these two major forms of Gnosticism differ?
- How can Paul's teaching be used to counter those who say that matter (creation) is evil?

Goodness Overflowing into our Lives *Psalm 100

- God's goodness is likened like a waterfall in our lives. What happens when the waters hit our lives?
- How do we know that this psalmist was not just a naturally happy person?
- Why is it that a person who is convinced of God's goodness does not lose his joy?
- Write down the numerous ways the psalmist in Psalm 100 calls people to praise the Lord.

- Pick out one of the five reasons for the psalmist's joy and write down your own thoughts on how that thought helped explain the Psalmist's joy.

Extra: Personal questions on Goodness and Contentment

- How has God revealed His goodness to you?

- How has He used these testimonies to encourage or challenge you?

- What are some practical steps to know more of His goodness?

- What are some steps to avoid temptation?

FEAR GOD AND NOT MAN

Study Questions and Answers

Problems with Fearing God

- How is the growing influence of the secular society about us connected to the lack of the fear of God?
- What are the two reasons Christians might not fear God?
- What is one of these distortions of the love of God? Explain.

The Fear of God in the NT

- What does the NT say regarding those who do not fear God?
- Give two places in the New Testament that instruct God's people to fear the Lord.
- Name and explain how one verse instructs us that the fear of the Lord is essential to Christian growth.

The Love and Fear of God

- How does the love of God and the fear of God work together?
- How does 1 John 4:17-19 fit into this discussion?
- How is the real problem behind the fear of God issue one of rejection of authority?

The Shaping Aspect of Fear

- What was the result of the way God presented Himself at Mount Sinai? To the people? To Moses?
- What was God's purpose for revealing Himself so (Ex 19:20)?
- How does 1 John 2:2 bring peace to a believer's heart?

Benefits of Fearing God

- List three Proverbs that contrast the fear of the Lord with the fool or wicked.
- What does Solomon say that: A good sleep, extra long life, riches, wisdom, and confidence all have in common?
- List three differences between a person who fears God and those who have no fear of God.

Fear of God in Society

- How is revival connected to the fear of the Lord?
- How is the fear of the living God instilled in our lives?
- What is the difference between the formation of a godly and a pagan community?

A Charge for Fathers

- What are two of the four charges God gives fathers in Deuteronomy 6:1-7?
- Fill in the blank. The fear of God will produce a _____ which is contrary to the world.
- What are the two responses a person might have when God reveals His holiness?

Fear of God and Children

- What are five ways the society has felt it necessary to strip the fear of God from the lives of children?
- Where do we see Jesus through His example rebukes this sloppy kind of indulgence love?
- Memorize Proverbs 1:7 and prove it by saying it to someone!

Evaluating our Fear of God

- Rate yourself from 0 to 10 on your fear of God (high being good).
- Write down a time when you sensed God wanting you to do or not to do something. When was it? Over what matter? Did you do it?

- Describe a life influenced by the fear of God.

Developing a Fear for God

- The fear of man leads to _____ leadership. Fill in the blank.
- How does the godly man handle difficult decisions where others are involved?
- How can we develop our fear in the Lord?

Extra: Personal questions on the Fear of God

- What happens when a person fears man rather than God?
- What does it practically mean for you to fear God?
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RIGHTEOUSNESS, NO COMPROMISE

Study Questions and Answers

Righteousness not compromise

- We are told to flee (run fast) from youthful lusts. But what else are we told to do?

“Only a little”

- Does only a little sin matter?

- What does 1 John 1:10 mean, “(10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar.”

NT usage of righteousness

- A righteous man by definition _____.

- Look up the following verses and summarize how God wants every person to live. (Lu 23:50; Heb 10:38; 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Pe 3:11; 1 Pe 1:16; Mat 5:48; James 1:4).

Pursuing righteousness

- Why is Isaiah 61:1-12 often used to call us back to righteous living?

- What happens when we ‘meet’ God?

- What happens when that person becomes familiar with what God expects?

Problems of toleration

- What happens if we think a little anger is okay?

- What happens if we tolerate a little lust?

- What happens if we believe that a little anxiety is okay?

The evil of compromise

- When does compromise occur?

- Identify what is the consequence of not cherishing our wife.
- What happens when I am willing to live a lie before my wife?

Definition of righteousness

- How many times is the word righteous or righteousness used in the Bible?
- What are two reasons the word is not easily understood?
- Why is the church becoming weaker? (See A Dictionary Project).

What about 'good' people?

- What is the difference between good people and being righteous?
- Use a straight and a crooked line to explain the gospel.

Three stages of righteousness

- Explain the upper and lower part of the Chinese character for righteousness in the context of the gospel?
- How should a believer handle any unrighteousness?
- Explain the concept of declared righteous (justified).

Extra: Personal questions on overcoming compromises

- How has compromise in your life caused you pain?
- In what ways are you tempted with compromise?
- What ways have you discovered that you could counter the temptations?