

The Big Idea: A primary focus of the Christian life is what’s going on in the heart. At the heart of the matter is the matter of the heart.

I. To understand the Beatitudes...remember...

- A. Not about how to get to HEAVEN, it’s about how the one going to heaven LIVES
- B. There is a natural PROGRESSION in the order
- C. There is a CORRELATION

II. The condition of your heart – keep it pure

A. What is purity of heart?

1. A DEFINITION of the word

- KATHAROS
  
- ACCORDING to
  - DAVID
  
  - JAMES

2. An UNDERSTANDING of the heart

- What is in VIEW?
  
- Jesus’ MAIN concern – what’s on the INSIDE

B. How is purity of heart realized?

1. A heart that is FIXED on God
  
2. A heart for the WORD
  
3. A PRAYING heart
  
4. A heart that seeks FELLOWSHIP with other believers
  
5. A heart with ZERO tolerance for SIN

C. Why pursue purity of heart?

1. See God in the FUTURE
  
2. See God in the PRESENT

III. What we take away...

The purer your heart, the more clearly you’ll see...what God values, what God loves, what’s God’s will. What an incentive – Visio Dei Pursue purity!