

Unto The Pure...

I. Introduction:

- A. In the beginning... They were naked and unashamed (**Genesis 2:25**).
 - 1. Did sin affect how they saw things (**Genesis 3:1-11**)?
 - 2. Is the difference in pure thinking and carnal thinking the real problem (**Galatians 5:16-17**)?
- B. Be converted and become as what (**Matthew 18:1-4**; cf. **Mark 10:13-16**)?
 - 1. Consider an application: **I Corinthians 14:20**
 - 2. What has to occur for spiritual growth to really happen (**I Peter 2:1-2**)?

II. Body: The Difference Between Pure and Defiled Minds Make A HUGE Difference (**Titus 1:15**).

- A. The pure (**Psalms 24:1-6**, **I Timothy 1:5**, and **I John 3:1-3**).
 - 1. Meaning those cleansed (**II Corinthians 7:1**; cf. **Hebrews 10:22** and **I Peter 1:22-25**).
 - 2. Including in heart/mind (**Matthew 5:8** and **II Peter 3:1**).
- B. Our lesson isn't focused on the world vs. Christians. The defiled can be disciples of Christ (**I Corinthians 8:7**) and the unbelieving can be too (**Mark 16:14**).
 - 1. That's right, the defiled and unbelieving could be sitting amongst the saints regularly (**Revelation 3:4**).
 - 2. We addressed how our hearts and minds need to be pure, for if not, that is where our defilement begins (**Mark 7:14-23**).
 - 3. Therefore, amongst us, if someone is not pure – fix it (**James 4:8**).
- C. The purity of thought we all need to have comes from godly wisdom (**James 3:13-18**).
 - 1. Therefore, as already noted, let the truth take it's course (**John 15:3**).
 - 2. Then do your part (**Psalms 119:9**).
 - 3. To really learn though, we have to get beyond carnal thinking (**I Corinthians 2:14-3:3**).
- D. Some applications...
 - 1. Pure thinkers saw meats sacrificed to idols differently than those whose minds weren't pure (**I Corinthians 8:1-13**).
 - 2. Pure thinkers aren't ashamed of sexual terminology (**Proverbs 5:15-21** and **I Corinthians 6:12-7:5**).
 - 3. Pure thinkers only have a filter in regard to offending the weak (**Romans 14:20-22**).
 - 4. Pure thinkers get the applications while the defiled get stuck on the illustration (**John 3:1-5**; cf. **Matthew 13:10-17**).

5. Pure thinkers understand that sometimes carnal, graphic statements make clear points emphatically (**I Kings 14:7-10, Ezekiel 16:28-34, Philippians 3:8, and James 4:4**).

III. Conclusion: Keep yourself pure (**I Timothy 5:22**).