



Pure In Heart (1)

THE BEATITUDES (7)

1. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
2. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:1-4

5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:5-8

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- * How and why we obtain a pure heart
- * Why God wants our heart to remain pure, especially in this hour.

Knowing and believing things in our mind versus knowing and believing things in our heart

... the Lord said in His heart

Genesis 8:21

mans sin "grieved Him to His heart."

Genesis 6:6

... for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

You desire truth in the innermost being.

Psalms 51:6

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**To be pure means to be completely untainted
and without any contamination or mixture ...
whatsoever!**

Our hearts are deceitfully wicked.
All hearts are wicked.

Jeremiah 17:9

There is none righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:10

**Our sinful actions on the outside
merely confirm that we are sinful
on the inside, at our core.**

we are sinful right from the time of conception.

Psalm 51:5

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery,
sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

Matthew 15:19

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.

Matthew 23:27

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Isaiah 64:6

Who can say, I have cleansed my heart – I am pure from my sin?

Proverbs 20:9

**Radical heart surgery that
is only possible with God.**

**And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit
I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of
stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

Ezekiel 36:26

Nothing is hidden from God.

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Psalm 139:23

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you,
and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from
all your filthiness and from all your idols.

Ezekiel 36:25

- * When we come to Christ, when we believe in our hearts that Jesus is the Son of God.
- * When we believe in our hearts that He died on the cross for our sin, and we believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead.
- * When we repent of our sin, confessing it and forsaking it, when we ask God for His mercy and forgiveness ... **THEN** ...
- * We partake of Jesus' redemptive work of the Cross, where the penalty of our sin was paid in full, for finality...it is then that we receive a new heart and a new Spirit, the Spirit of the living God in the person of the Holy Spirit!
- * That is how we receive a new and pure heart!



**We ALL must receive a new
heart and be born again!**

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**Our children, each must become a
Born-Again Christian**

**88% of children raised in evangelical
homes leave church at 18 years old
and never return.**

3. Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
5. Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

John 3:3 & 5

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Why We Must Guard our New and Pure Heart

8. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us,
9. and He made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:8-9

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Isaiah 59:2

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man.

Acts 17:24

**The promise of a new heart and spirit
is for us today as much as it ever was.**

In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and believed
in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13

And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father
upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed
with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

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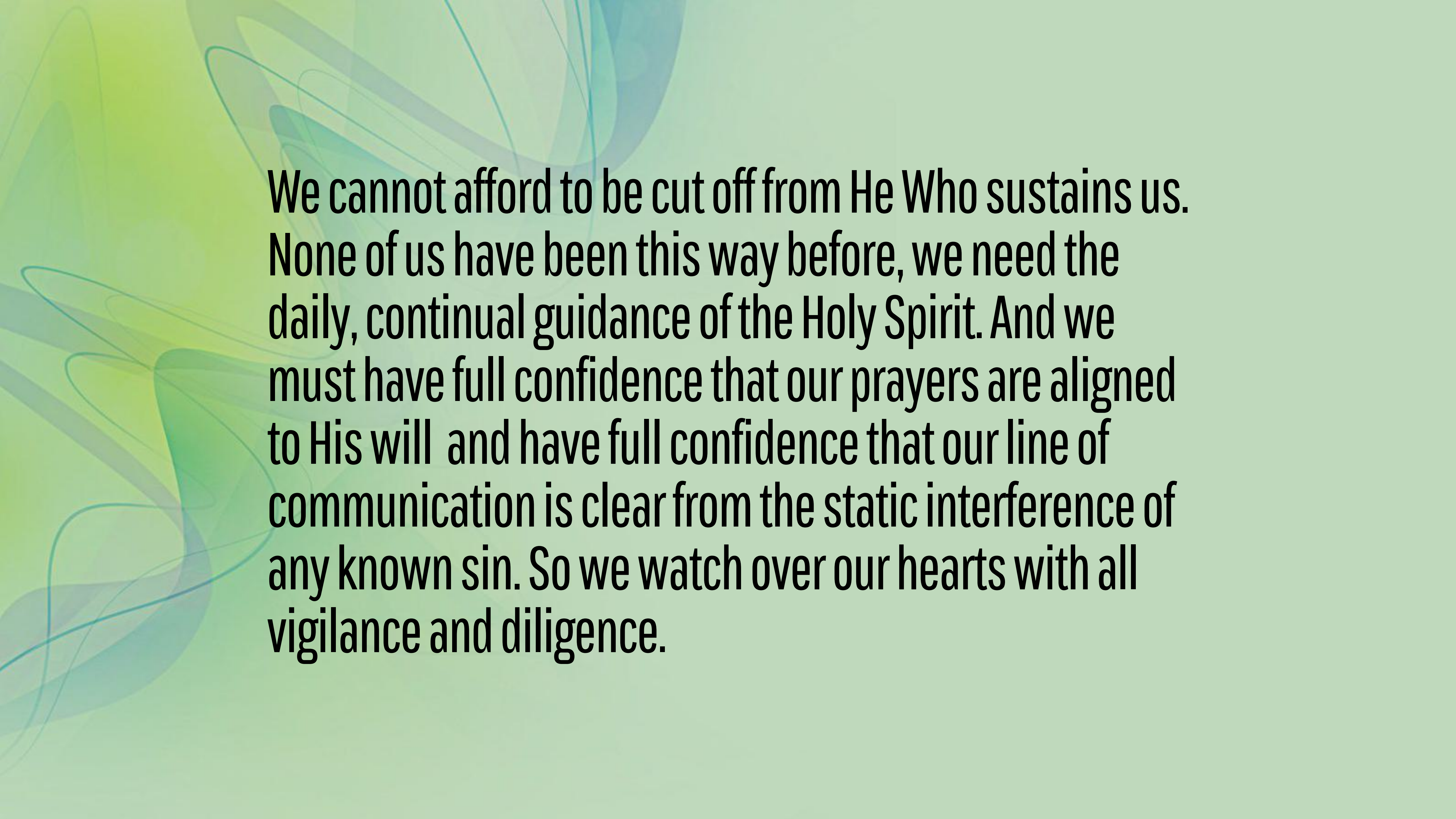
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- * we WANT to guard our redeemed hearts so we can have a very real relationship and not be distanced from God**
Psalm 51:11



We cannot afford to be cut off from He Who sustains us. None of us have been this way before, we need the daily, continual guidance of the Holy Spirit. And we must have full confidence that our prayers are aligned to His will and have full confidence that our line of communication is clear from the static interference of any known sin. So we watch over our hearts with all vigilance and diligence.

How Do We Watch Over Our Hearts?

- * The Bible is full of instructions... BUT ...
- * The "BE-attitudes" demonstrate the marks of Christian character.

King David became fixed and determined!

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast!

Psalm 57:7

Mounce's Expository Dictionary

- * keeping oneself fully devoted to Christ and the Christian way of life
- * The "BE-Attitude" is not striving to avoid sin. It is striving to be fully devoted to Jesus

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:12

So that He might present the church to Himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27

When the Lord returns for His bride, she will be a body of believers who are fully devoted to Jesus in this way. His bride will be a church who is steadfast and confident in the Lord. She will be a body of believers who are purified by the blood of Jesus and walking in the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is not returning for a church that is weak, anaemic and powerless. He is returning for a church that has been clothed in His righteousness, His power, His glory and is walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. She will be a Church who keeps her heart pure, walking in close unity and relationship with the Father.