

To Be Pure

Proverbs 15:26-The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are pleasant words. (KJV)

Regularly reading the Holy Scriptures is an investment in the Kingdom of God, The Holy Scriptures guide believers in the journey to God's Heavenly Kingdom. Believers experience and learn from the Lord when reading the Holy Scriptures. Personal transformation occurs when believers immerse themselves in Scripture. The heart, mind and soul are enriched with the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Proverbs 20:9-Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? (KJV)

Attaining purity in the eyes and understanding of God is desirable for believers. Too often perilous sin and impurities become a part of the believer's daily life. Action is required to keep the believer's heart, mind and soul completely pure. The Holy Scriptures fortify and guide the believer in the journey to purity. Studying Proverbs provides lasting wisdom to address impurities in daily life.

Proverbs 20:11-Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. (KJV)

Impurities are defined and put in perspective when the believer studies Proverbs. Learning for the believer has a place throughout life following Holy Baptism. When the mind functions and the believer is willing, growth in Christ continues. Believers need to maintain a constant willingness to repent when seeking purity. The Lord Jesus Christ provides believers with purity for those seeking in faith.

Proverbs 21:8-The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right. (KJV)

Honest personal self-examination is necessary for believers to seek purity. Believers enter the life in Christ at Baptism and are to maintain purity in Christ. Purity is maintained only when the believer lives faithfully in Jesus Christ. Christ's mercy, love and forgiveness are required for believers to seek purity. Peril endangers the believer's soul regularly and is repelled with repentance.

Proverbs 22:11-He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. (KJV)

Purity is accompanied with personal peace and assurance of unity with Christ. Regular reading of the Scriptures keeps the believer united with Jesus Christ. Minds, hearts and souls open to the Lord welcome Christ through the Scriptures. The Scriptures are best understood when the believer is guided in the Church. The Church helps the believer to understand the Scriptures and to enrich life.

Proverbs 30:12-There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. (KJV)

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