

Paul's Letter to
the Disciple

II Timothy

CONTEXT OF CHAPTER 2

Contrasts of people within the Church

- True vs False Teachers (v14-19),
- Vessels of Honorable vs Dishonorable (v20-21),
- Kind vs Quarrelsome Members (v22-26).

2 Timothy 2

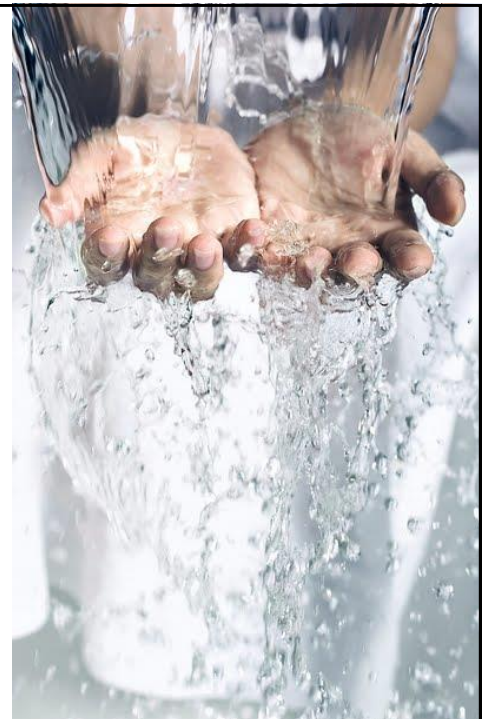
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Paul's point - Principle of RIGHT Pursuit

Anything less than a conscious commitment to the important is an unconscious commitment to the unimportant.

**– Stephen Covey
(First Things First)**

PRAY PRAY PRAY



2. An important emphasis.

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We are NOT to pursue ALONE!

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Isn't everybody in church like this?





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Marriage, Divorce, and the Church: What do the statistics say and can marriage be happy?

It seems to imply that our faith makes no difference in our ability to be faithful in marriage!

One of the most common statements that I've seen is "Christians divorce at the same rate as non-Christians,"



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Dr Wilcox (Dir. National Marriage Project) answers,

*"Up to a point, yes. The article finds that conservative Protestants, and counties with higher shares of conservative Protestants, **are indeed more likely to divorce ..**"*



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*"... A new article by sociologist Charles Stokes in www.family-studies.org suggests that **the problem** here is mainly with **nominal conservative Protestants**—those who attend rarely or never....."*

Nominal – Lack of Engagement

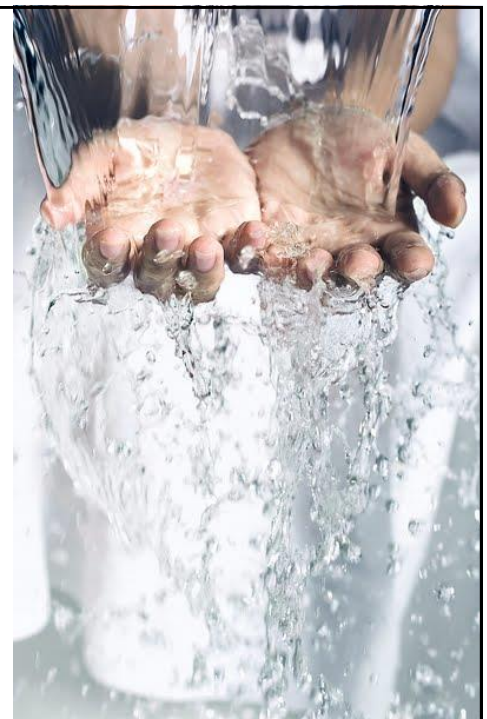
Not every Christian (Marriage) is the same!

3. No Offence Intended:

To warn us against nominal faith.

BBTC is an Intentional Disciple-Marking Church.

We are here to disciple **EVERYONE** towards Christlikeness.



4. How does a person with a pure heart look like?



5. What does it mean to have a pure heart?

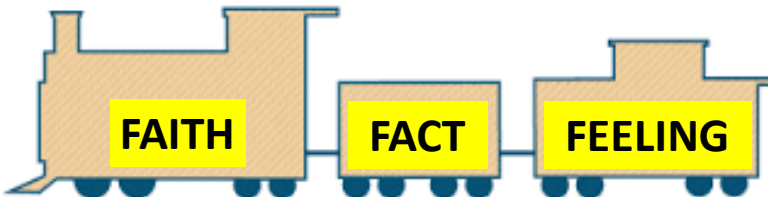
A. Reject your carnal heart. Why?

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is more deceitful than all else. And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?



5. What does it mean to have a pure heart?

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The order is important: Faith (b4) Fact (b4) Feeling.

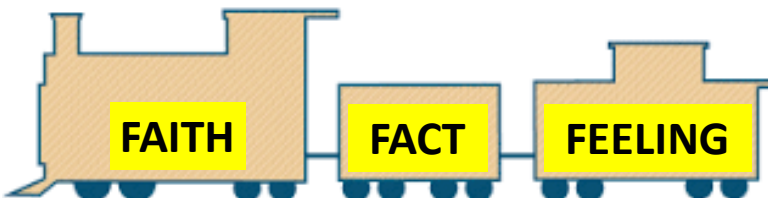
If we don't manage our feelings, our feelings will manage us.

"God will understand."



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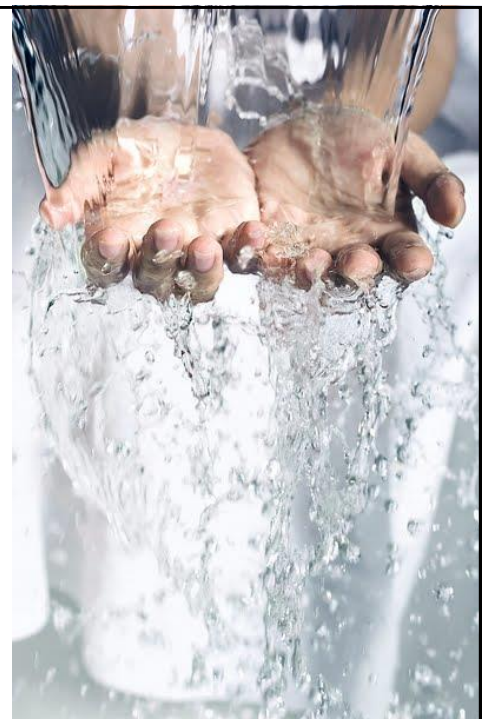
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"listening with their eyes and thinking with their feelings".

Ravi Zechariah

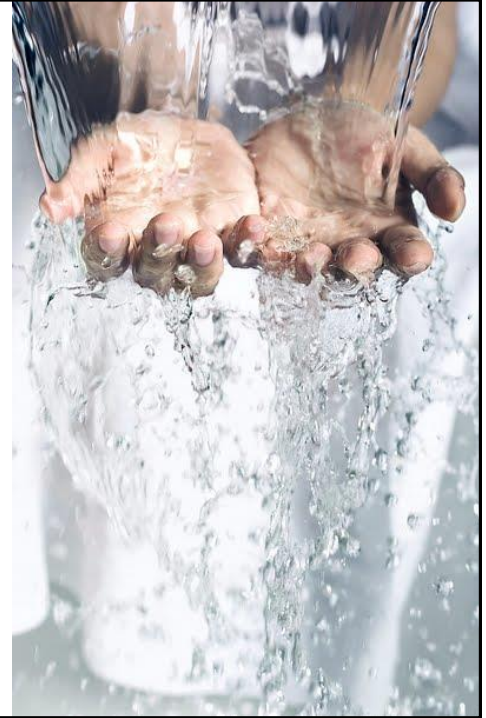


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- A. Reject your carnal heart.
- B. Rely on Him

Ezekiel 36:26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ps 24: 3 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place?
4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.



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What is a Pure Heart?

It is a heart that is not carnal.

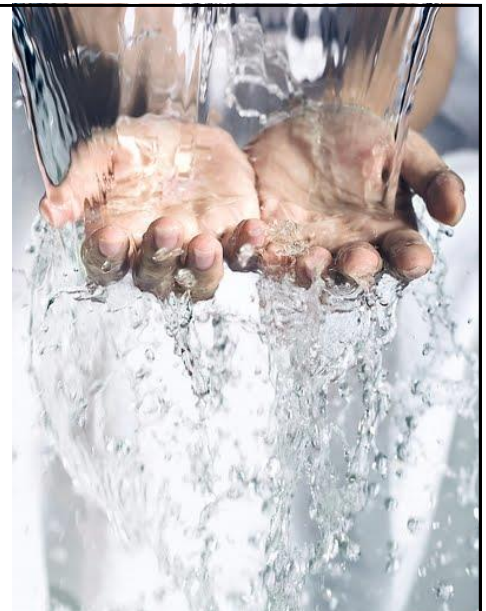
It is not contaminated by the things of this world ie falsehood or deceit.

It is a heart centered on God and God's will.

Look for God and you will see Him. Look for people, and you will see them.

Prov 4:23

– Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.



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How to de-contaminate our heart?

Heb 10:22

22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having **our hearts sprinkled clean** from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

KEY – Rely on God

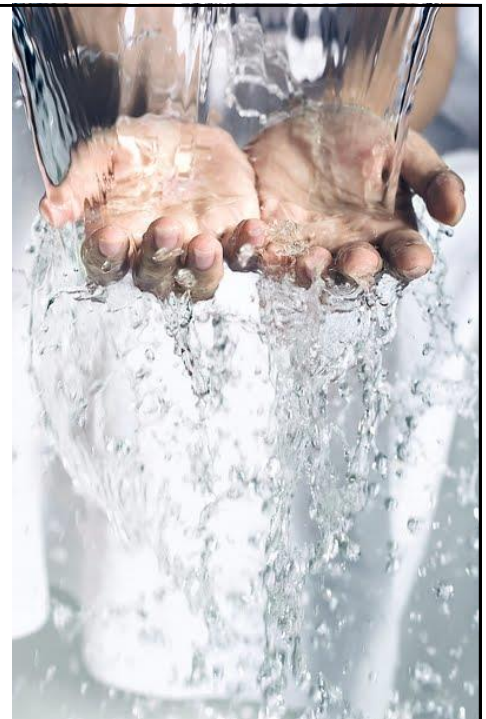


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- B. Rely on Him
- C. Receive His revelation

Matt 5:8

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”



God made us, and He loves us and wants us to know what He is like. One way we can do this is by looking at the world He's made, and when we do, we'll realize that He is powerful, wise and glorious. The Bible says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1). But God did something even greater than this: He became a man! That man was Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh.

— Billy Graham

See God among the creation.



"Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; This is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor."

— Mother Teresa —

See God among the poor.

DEAR JESUS, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole

being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.



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