

# *Steps to a Pure Heart*

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1. Cleanse yourself from every external impurity of speech and behavior. Never defile your hand in known wickedness nor give way to impure lusts that would entice sinful actions.
2. Do not rest in external purity, but seek purity of heart through a diligent attendance on all God's ordinances (preaching, Bible reading, Lord's table, prayer).
3. Be steady in your reformation. If you set about the work of cleansing yourself, but plunge yourself again into the mire when a temptation comes, you never will be likely to become pure.
4. Often search your own heart, and seek and pray that you may see the filthiness of it. If ever you are to be made pure, you must be brought to see that you are filthy.
5. Beg of God that He would give you His Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God that purifies the soul. Therefore, the Spirit of God is often compared to a fire. He cleanses the heart and burns up the filth and pollution of the mind.
6. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)