BLESSED ARE WEIRD















MATTHEW 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.







"O LORD, HELP ME TO BE PURE, BUT NOT YET." ST. AUGUSTINE







PROVERBS 4:23

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."







LUKE 6:45

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.







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PSALM 24:3-4

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.







PSALM 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.







PROVERBS 20:9

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?







ROMANS 3:21-24

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.







"THE PHARISEES FALSIFIED THE IMAGE OF GOD INTO AN ETERNAL, SMALL-MINDED BOOKKEEPER."







"OBEDIENCE WAS THE EXPRESSION OF THE LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR, AND THEREFORE ANY FORM OF PIETY THAT STOOD IN THE WAY OF LOVE STOOD IN THE WAY OF GOD HIMSELF. WHAT JESUS OFFERED WAS NOT A NEW LAW BUT A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD LAW BASED ON BEING LOVING."







"PHARISEES INVEST HEAVILY IN EXTRINSIC RELIGIOUS GESTURES, RITUALS, METHODS, AND TECHNIQUES, BREEDING ALLEGEDLY HOLY PEOPLE WHO ARE JUDGMENTAL, MECHANICAL, LIFELESS, AND AS INTOLERANT OF OTHERS AS THEY ARE OF THEMSELVES."









"BY CHANGING THE CUPS FROM A DESIGN THAT IN THE PAST HAS INCLUDED SNOWFLAKES, CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS, AND OTHER OVERT REFERENCES TO THE HOLIDAY TO A PLAIN OMBRE RED, DENIES "THE GREAT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE BEHIND THE AMERICAN DREAM." SHE GOES ON TO SAY, "THIS ALSO DENIES THE HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS STORY TOLD SO POWERFULLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR."







"INSTEAD OF A LOVE STORY, THE BIBLE IS VIEWED AS A DETAILED MANUAL OF DIRECTIONS."







"PURE IN HEART: A HEART THAT IS PURELY FOCUSED ON LOVING, AND BEING LOVED BY, GOD."







