Cornerstones Of Faith

"Purity" Matthew 5:8

<u>PURITY</u> actually <u>INCLUDES</u> every cornerstone we've Discussed so far...

In Matthew 5:8, Jesus said, "Blessed are the PURE in Heart for they shall See God."

Today, we'll see several <u>BIBLICAL</u> <u>TIPS</u> that help <u>EXPLAIN</u> Purity & How Purity <u>AFFECTS</u> Followers of Jesus Christ.

- 1. 1st Tip...GET OUT OF THE WAY! (James 1:14-15)
- "If you play with FIRE...
- As a <u>Responsible</u> Child of God, you must <u>AVOID</u> Situations where the temptation to sin would be <u>Irresistible</u>.
- SIN gives birth to <u>Death</u> (Physical, Relational, Trust, Testimony & your Current Fellowship with God)
- 2. 2nd Tip...GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS! (2 Timothy 2:22)
- Although we ARE Capable of Sinning, we DON'T HAVE TO...
- If we will <u>FOLLOW</u> Paul's advice in verse 22, we will be <u>Building</u> a <u>Fortress</u> around *Our* <u>LIFE</u>...including our <u>THOUGHTS</u>.
- 3. 3rd Tip...CONFESS OUR SIN TO GOD! (1 John 1:9)
- WHEN you Blow it...WHAT are you to DO?
- We can't be a Clean <u>PIG</u> that Returns to the <u>Mud Hole</u>.
- WHAT does Repentance SOUND LIKE? (Psalm 51)
- 4. 4th Tip...LIVE TO PLEASE GOD & HIM ONLY! (1 John 3:1-3)
- What We <u>ARE</u> (children of God), What We <u>SHALL BE</u> (Like Him) & What We <u>SHOULD</u> <u>BE</u> (Pure)
- ALL your Efforts to Lead a <u>PURE LIFE</u> will be IN VAIN until you <u>Completely Surrender</u> your life to the Lord.
- The only way to be <u>FREE</u> from Sin is to be <u>BOUND</u> to Jesus.
- 5. 5th Tip...KEEP AN ETERNAL OUTLOOK! (2 Peter 3:10-11)
- "If Jesus Came Back TODAY, would I be <u>Embarrassed</u> by HOW I've Been <u>Living</u>?"
- The "Any-Moment <u>Return</u>" of Jesus for His Church should Inspire us to Live a <u>PURE</u> LIFE. (Psalm 86:11)
- ARE YOU READY?