

According to the Word Study
Purity According to the Word

"The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture."

— Westminster Confession, 1647.

Introduction:

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Psalms 119:9, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word." The word pure means uncontaminated—no mixture, no compromise.

The word of God is a means of grace by which we are kept pure in our doctrine.

This is accomplished in two ways:

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Proverbs 4:23, "Keep your heart with all vigilance for from it flow the springs of life."

1. Protect your heart by asking the Holy Spirit for discernment when:

(2 Peter 3:17-18, "You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.")

b. Maintain a good steady:

2) Keep the word by:

1. Hearing the word with every:

(Luke 11:28, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!")

2. Walking in a manner worthy:

(Ephesians 4:1-3, “Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.)

3. Being full:

(2 Timothy 1:14, “By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”

d. Staying away:

(1 John 5:21, “Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

e. Continuing in:

(Jude 21, “...keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”

f. Remembering the times:

(Revelation 1:3, “...blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”)

GOALS:

a. Pure:

(1 Timothy 1:5, “The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart...” 2 Timothy 2:22, “...pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”)

b. Pure:

(1 Timothy 3:9, “They must hold the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.” 2 Timothy 1:3, “I thank God whom I serve...with a pure conscience.”

c. Pure:

(1 Timothy 5:22, “...keep yourself pure.”)

d. Pure:

(James 1:27, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”)

e. Pure:

(James 3:17, “But the wisdom from above is first pure...”)

f. Pure:

(2 Peter 3:1, “Beloved, I now write to you in this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder.)”)

g. Pure:

(1 John 3:3, “And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.”)

Conclusion: