

## LESSON 7 – BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART



**Statement** – Blessed are the pure in heart,

**Reward** – For they shall see God.

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

“Purity” and “Impurity”

Jesus called certain people ‘actors’ or ‘hypocrites’.

**‘HYPOCRITES’ are two faced people. They pretend to be good in nature but in reality, are not.**

- The first sort of people – those who pretended to be kind. In reality they were greedy and selfish and only gave money to the poor to show off.
- The second sort of people – those who pretended to pray to God. In fact, they only prayed when other people could see them. They were showing off.
- A third kind of people – those who pretended to go without food so that people would think they were holy. They did not care about the real reason for fasting. They were not really true followers of God.

The pure in heart are “one – face” people because the way people see them is exactly as they are in their hearts and minds.

Real happiness comes, then when you are pure in heart. Such people will see God face to face in the everyday events of their lives.

**“INTEGRITY” means having only one face. You show people exactly what you are inside and outside.**

The truth is – you can’t cheat for long by wearing masks because your actions will give you away. The “Fruits” we bear tell what kind of persons we really are.

**Lk 6:43 - 45 – A Tree and its Fruit - Integrity**

“Hypocrisy bears bad fruit. Integrity bears good fruit”.

*“When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*