

Living with Your Truth

Matthew 5:8

The Beatitudes speak to the human condition. Jesus shares with the multitudes that there indeed a blessedness found in very specific states of being. With this in mind, we revisit a familiar verse, in an unfamiliar way.

FOR OUR CONSIDERATION

- Jesus provides the Beatitudes to raise the mental capacity of those who heard Him. (Jesus came to challenge us to think differently about GOD, ourselves and one another)
- Newsflash: Purity is **NOT** the same as Perfection!
 - Purity has more to do with HONESTY than PIETY.
- The pure in heart are those who are familiar with struggle and embrace their imperfection.
 - However, their preference for righteousness does not allow them to settle into imperfection.
- If my heart is pure, it means that I'm clear enough to think, speak and act beyond my feelings.
 - I'm not subject to react, though I could! I am focused on more responsive or responsible (response-able).
- Because GOD is more concerned with the condition our hearts, when we do the work of purification (relentless pursuit of truth, embracing our authentic self and abstinence from toxicity);
 - GOD will honor such work, with the ability to "see" GOD!
- *Where do we see GOD?*
 - We see GOD in creation and within societal affairs.
 - We see GOD in ourselves; the "imago Dei" and the Spirit of the LORD within us through salvation and through receipt of the Holy Spirit.
 - We see GOD in others.

*Dear LORD, may I seek you in all things. Please allow your Spirit to reveal to me your Divine will for my life. Remind me that wherever I am, you are there. And, that because you were pleased to create me, you will use me to your glory. Let it be so, I believe. In Jesus' Name, **AMEN.***