

## **Pure Heart**

I've done it again. I've really blown it this time. I made a big mistake. I've made a really bad choice. **Do you mean to say that you sinned?** Yes, I do. **Who have you sinned against?** I've sinned against you and another person. **It's good that you are confessing this to me. There is no sense in trying to cover it up. You can't hide it from me. I saw you do it in the first place. I tried to prompt you and show you a way of escape so that you would not sin. But, you would not listen. You let yourself be enticed. Did you not see the way of escape that was there for you to take?** Yes, I guess I did. **But, you didn't want to take it, did you?** No, I didn't. **Why is that?** I got so wrapped up in the heat of the moment that I felt powerless to take the way of escape and do the right thing. **You played around with this sin in your mind and once you did that the way of escape closed. Do you really want to do the right thing and not sin against me and other people?** Yes, desperately so. **How desperately are you willing to stop playing around with sin in your heart and mind?** I am very willing. I want you to create in me a pure heart so that I will have clean thoughts and right desires. **Are you asking me to forgive and cleanse you?** Yes, I am. **You will have to make things right with the person you have sinned against.** I know, I will. **Good, your sins are forgiven. My son has already taken care of that for you on the cross. He has already secured your forgiveness and cleansing.** I know, I am so thankful. **How thankful?** **Are you willing to take steps to turn away from sin when it attempts to entice you again?** Yes, I am. **Do you have something specific in mind?** Yes, I do.

**You have asked for a clean heart and a pure mind, haven't you?** Yes, I have. **How do you think that will happen?** I don't know. **That seems obvious to me. Do you realize that every day you are presented with a choice of what you will feed your heart and mind?** How is that? **Everything you hear or see enters your heart and mind. What you allow entrance will either help or harm you. Is there anything that you are watching or listening to that you think might displease me?** Yes, there is. **Are you willing to remove those from your hearing and sight?** Yes, I am. **Good, but that's only half of the equation. What else is there?** **You will need to feed on my word. Why is that?** **As you feast on my word, I will change your heart and mind with it. Where do you suggest I begin?** **Begin meditating on and memorizing my word that speaks directly to where you are weak and most likely to be tempted. Will that help?** **Yes, the Holy Spirit will take my word that you have hidden in your heart and use it to help you to stand against attacks of temptation and evil. Are you ready to begin?** Yes, I am.

*Father, thank you that my forgiveness and cleansing was secured on the cross, by your son Jesus Christ. Help me now to turn away from sin. Create in me a clean heart and mind as I feast on your word. Amen*

**Identity** *A Pure Heart*  
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
NIV Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Clean Heart*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
ESV Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Clean Heart*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.  
NLT Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Clean Heart*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
NKJV Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Clean Heart*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
NRSV Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Fresh Start*  
God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.  
MSG Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Clean Heart*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me.  
AMP Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A New, Clean Heart*  
Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires.  
TLB Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Clean Heart*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
NASB Psalm 51:10

**Identity** *A Pure Heart*  
Create in me a pure heart, God, and make my spirit right again.  
NCV Psalm 51:10

# A Pure Heart

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Identity** – Psalm 51:10

**In Context:** Read Psalm 51

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

Create | in me | a pure heart, | O God, | and | renew | a steadfast | spirit | within me. Psalm 51:10

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Father, thank you that my forgiveness and cleansing was secured by Christ on the cross. Help me now to close the door to temptation and turn away from sin to follow you. Create in me a clean heart and mind as I feast on your word. Amen

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**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**What sin do you need to confess to the Lord and to others?**

How is it possible for you to be forgiven and cleansed of all your sins?

Why is there nothing you can do to earn or merit your own forgiveness of your sins?

How has Christ's sacrifice and the new life you have in Him changed the way that you live?

What from the world weakens you and opens the door to temptation and sin?

**What from God's word speaks to your weakness and helps you to stand against temptation to sin?**

**How will God's word cleanse your heart and mind and empower you to live your life for Him?**

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**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Confess your sins to God. Receive forgiveness through Christ. Allow God to transform your heart and mind by His word.

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**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your sins are forgiven and that God is creating a pure heart in you.

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**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God has been creating a pure heart and mind in you.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you confess your sins to the Lord so He can create a clean and pure heart in you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will confess my sins to you so you can create a clean and pure heart in me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to create a clean heart in me today as I confess my sins to you?*

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