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Influences

Be careful about the influences you allow into your life. What do you mean by that? **I'm sure that you have a very good idea about the meaning of my question. I would like to hear your thoughts about what influences you are allowing into your life.** Do you think I have a lot to say on that subject? **Yes, I do. I want to hear and you need to hear what you have to say on this subject.** At one time, there was no guard over the influences that I allowed to come into my life. I allowed anything and everything from the world to speak into my life. I equally accepted the good and the bad. I was willing to listen to everything the world had to say to me. My life was shaped by both the good and the bad that I took into my life. Unfortunately, the world spoke far more of its corruption and impurity into my life. On top of that, the world has a habit of elevating what is corrupt and impure while it also ridicules what is good and right and pure. So, as I was following the values, patterns and practices of the world I was becoming more and more corrupt as I allowed the world to mold and shape my life. My heart and mind and life were becoming more and more corrupt as I followed the ways of the world. I approved of what was evil. I ridiculed and mocked all that was good and right and pure. **That's not good.** No, it is not.

What happened to you? How did you change your course? How did you turn away from the evil influences of the world?

The impure and corrupt life I was living left me bruised and battered. I began to suffer the consequences of my self-centered, self-indulgent and self-sufficient life. I hurt others and others hurt me. I felt weary, worn out, empty and hopeless. That is when I cried out to you. I asked you to come into my life. I asked you to change the course of my life. I'm sure that I am incorrectly expressing what happened. **Why is that?** I know that you were pursuing me. I know that you were seeking me out. I know that you were calling me to come to you. I deserve no credit for crying out to you. It was you that brought me to yourself. **Yes, I did.**

What about now? How are you guarding the influences that come into your life? I am separating myself from what is corrupt and impure. I am very careful about what I allow to speak into my life. As I have left my old life behind I am allowing you to change my heart and transform my mind with your word. I am allowing you to mold and shape my life as I love, follow and serve you in the new life that you have given me to live. **That is very good.** Now, you are using me to be an influence for what is good and right and pure. You are using me to speak what is good and right and true into the lives of others. **Yes, I am.**

Lord, at one time all my thoughts, words, and actions were corrupt and impure. Thank you that you are purifying my thoughts, words and actions as I follow and serve you. May all I think, say and do be a testimony that brings glory to your name. Amen

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NIV

Titus 1:15-16

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To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

ESV

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*Everything Is Pure*

Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

NLT

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*All Things Are Pure*

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

NKJV

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*All Things Are Pure*

To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure. Their very minds and consciences are corrupted. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their actions. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

NRSV

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*Everything Is Clean*

Everything is clean to the clean-minded; nothing is clean to dirty-minded unbelievers. They leave their dirty fingerprints on every thought and act. They say they know God, but their actions speak louder than their words. They're real creeps, disobedient good-for-nothings.

MSG

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*All Things Are Pure*

To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted. They profess to know God [to recognize, perceive, and be acquainted with Him], but deny and disown and renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable and loathsome, unbelieving and disobedient and disloyal and rebellious, and [they are] unfit and worthless for good work (deed or enterprise) of any kind.

AMP

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*Who Is Pure Of Heart*

A person who is pure of heart sees goodness and purity in everything; but a person whose own heart is evil and untrusting finds evil in everything, for his dirty mind and rebellious heart color all he sees and hears. Such persons claim they know God, but from seeing the way they act, one knows they don't. They are rotten and disobedient, worthless so far as doing anything good is concerned.

TLB

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The Mind*All Things Are Pure*

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NASB

Titus 1:15-16

The Mind*All Things Are Pure*

To those who are pure, all things are pure, but to those who are full of sin and do not believe, nothing is pure. Both their minds and their consciences have been ruined. They say they know God, but their actions show they do not accept him. They are hateful people, they refuse to obey, and they are useless for doing anything good.

NCV

Titus 1:15-16

All Things Are Pure

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

The Mind – Titus 1:15-16

In Context: *Read Titus 1*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

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

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

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, at one time all my thoughts, words, and actions were corrupt and impure. Thank you that you are purifying my thoughts, words and actions as I follow and serve you. May all I think, say and do be a testimony that brings glory to your name. Amen

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

Who do you know that never seems to see the pure, positive, or good in life and people?

How can someone’s impure and negative thinking infect those that they come in contact with?

When has your thinking been infected by the impure or negative thoughts of someone else?

When have you chosen your friends and close associates based on the type of thinkers they are?

How do your thoughts, words and actions give testimony to the type of person that you are?

How has the Lord changed your thoughts, words and actions as you have followed Him?

What new perspectives has God given you regarding people and situations you encounter in life?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Lord to purify all your thoughts, words and actions as you follow and serve Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will change your thoughts, words and actions from impure to pure as you follow and serve Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God is changing your thoughts, words, and actions.

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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you allow the Lord to change your thoughts, words and actions as you follow and serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will allow you to change my thoughts, words and actions as I follow and serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to change my thoughts, words and actions as I follow you today?
