

OVERCOMING FAULTS AND FAILURES

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INTRODUCTION:

A. How do we know that we are making good on our commitment to becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ?

B. A commitment to Christ means making confession of our sins a "heart habit."

- What have we been holding back or have taken back?

C. **"God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God."** – Matthew 5:8

**"When you know the truth (face the truth about yourselves)
it will set you free."**

– John 8:32

I. HAVING A PURE HEART

A. A pure heart is about being real, not religious.

- Religion doesn't set us free.
- Pure motives, not:
 - Wrong motives (Matthew 6:1)
 - Mixed motives (James 4:8)

B. Purity of heart is about how good God is, not how good we're trying to be.

- God demonstrates His goodness to us when He forgives our impurity.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

– I John 1:9

"Let us test and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord." – Lamentations 3:40

- Confession gets us in touch with our need to make better choices.

C. Gaining a pure heart is a process—not more of this or that, but less of us and more of Him.

- It is aspiring to God's priorities in our life (Matthew 6:19-33)
 - Look at our activities (v. 19)
 - Look at our anxieties (vs. 25-34)
"Don't worry about your life..." Finances, food, fitness, fashion or future.
 - Look at our ambitions (vs. 31-33)

CONCLUSION: