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Matthew 5:8

Pure in heart doesn't mean one doesn't struggle with inner temptations or one's flesh; it doesn't mean you don't have sinful thoughts or temptations from within.

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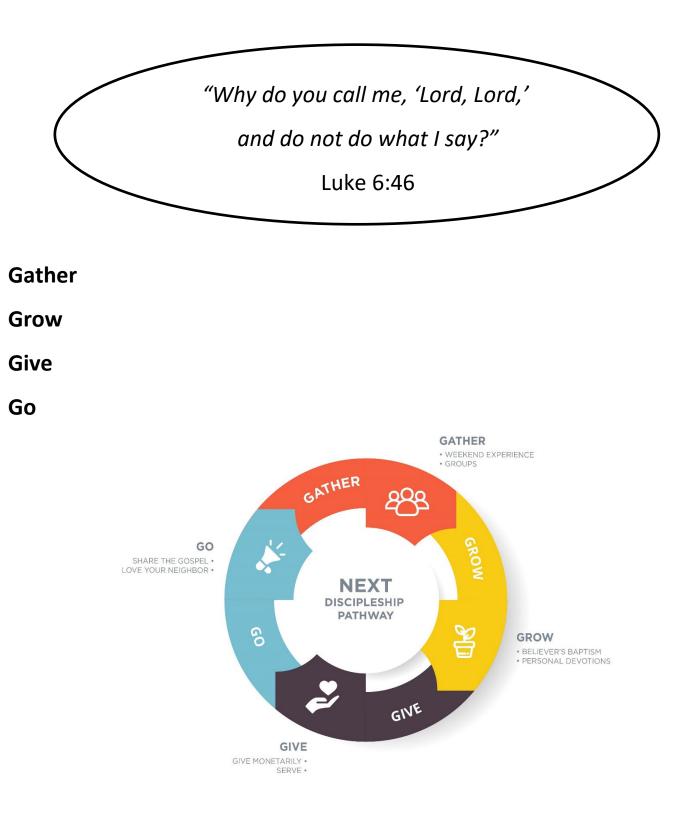
Pure – unmixed, undivided Heart – decision making center

"Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do." James 1:8

Impure Heart = Double Mindedness

Pure in Heart means I have a single focus, single allegiance to God and Jesus Lordship.

What causes you to become double-minded? What pulls your focus from God? "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24



"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:7-8

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- See God's presence
- See God's workings
- \circ See Jesus

"Jesus answered: "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

John 14:9

$\,\circ\,$ Allow others to see

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is drawing my focus from God?
- 2. What is the reason matter, I am not doing what Jesus says?
- 3. How have you "seen God"?