*Thursday, June 20, 2013*

**Motives**

Matthew 5:6-8 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (KJV)

Thayers NT Definition For Pure 2513 katharos- 1) free from corrupt desire, from sin and guilt 2) free from every admixture of what is false, sincere genuine 3) blameless, innocent 4) unstained with the guilt of anything.

Once we get some of the spiritual obstacles out of the way then we are able to see and understand the Lord better. It’s kind of like windshield wipers that get rid of the muck and grime so that you can see the path of life the Lord would have you walk in today. God sent us His Son who was purely motivated by a love not only for His Father in heaven, but also for all mankind, even when they were still living in sin. In order for you to move forward in your walk you will need to have a pure love for God to see that accomplished.

Psalm 19:7-9 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. (KJV)

There is a commercial that uses a solution for getting the red out of the eyes so that one can see clearly. Our Lord has provided His church living spiritual waters that will enlighten the eyes of our understanding so that we can see clearly.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: (KJV)

We have been talking about our love for God and we see it has to be done with a pure motive or else it just won’t be effective, or pleasing to our Father in heaven. After all isn’t He the only one that really matters anyway?

Psalm 24:3-4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. (KJV)

Have you done all to stand today, having your loins gird about with truth and a breastplate of righteousness? Only if you have a real love for the Lord, and a pure motive for serving Him, will this be a reality.

Matthew 23:25-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. (KJV)

A lot of stuff man tries to pawn off as truth, or the love of God, in the end just doesn’t work as far as He is concerned. What man says is pure, and what God considers pure in His sight, is as different as night and day.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.