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**Rooting Out The Evil**

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (KJV)

The word pure means free from a corrupt desire, blameless, and innocent is mentioned as well. Now the key here is not just looking at this verse as referring to something that will take place some day in the sweet bye and bye. The pure in heart are going to be able to see the true meaning of God’s plan of salvation, and the simple fact that we serve a God of love which requires a loving response in order to understand His word.

1 Peter 5:1-3 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: (2) Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; (3) Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. (KJV)

The only way that one can truly be an example of the true believers is when they have a pure heart which is a result of a pure motive for serving our Lord. We see what happens when something other than living waters gets into the heart and contaminates the flow. Anytime we look outside the realm of the Spirit for peace and contentment we have fallen from grace back to the realm of disgrace.

1 Timothy 3:1-3 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. (2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; (KJV)

God calls many into the ministry; however, in the end only a few will be left that have a pure motive for serving Him. Those that are really used of God will have rooted out the weeds in their spiritual gardens so that there is nothing stunting the growth of the new creation in Christ.

Titus 1:7-9 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; (8) But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; (9) Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. (KJV)

A bishop is an overseer of the congregation, one that should have his Spiritual senses exercised and in tune to know the difference between what is good doctrine and what would fall under the category of evil. Today we see and hear so many preaching a prosperity message which puts way too much emphasis on the outward rather than pointing to the inward. When this false doctrine gets promoted it would definitely fall under the category of filthy.

Luke 12:33-34 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. (34) For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. (KJV)

Are you really willing to trade in the old ways of the world and its fallen way of thinking for something Spiritual so that you can start to see God clearer today? Many who are called of God have sold out, thinking there is a treasure here on earth that is worth more than the one we have in heaven. Filthy, to say the least.