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“Blessed are the pure in heart.” The Scripture tells us that God looks upon the heart. God’s desire is that the heart be pure. In this series of lessons, we define pure as being increasingly free from hypocrisy. It is being increasingly motivated only by the love of Christ. Being pure is having a clear conscience before God, before others and with others. Being pure is being single-minded, learning to reject the devil’s lies and learning to accept the absolutes of Scripture as convictions. To be pure in heart is also to have a clean thought life.

We will continue our study of a pure thought life, or a clean thought life which began in the last lesson. It will follow this outline:

### I- The Issues

- A- What is the heart?
- B- What are the marks of an impure heart?
- C- The thought life - the real you and me.
- D- What is lust?
  - 1- Three things we lust over
  - 2- Six things we lust for
- E- The crisis of our secret thoughts
- F- Five motives for wanting a pure thought life

### II- The Answers

- A- The case for innocence - What you see is what you get.
- B- Transfusion equals transformation
- C- The ten-second moment of truth in the Christian’s life
- D- Major surgery on God’s realm, when and how it is accomplished

I want to review the issues of the thought life found in part I. The thought life is the entirety of the process that goes on in the mind. This includes your secret desires, your fantasies, your imaginary conversations and your imaginary experiences.

The key to understanding the thought life is to come to

accurately define the word lust. Lust is an appetite out of control. In the last lesson, we talked about the three basic things we lust over. We lust over people as David did. We lust over things as Solomon did. We lust over experiences as Eve did. Within the framework of those categories, there are at least six things we lust for. They all have eventual consequences.

1- We lust for acceptance. When that gets out of control, it leads to conformity or compromise.

2- We lust to escape reality. This leads to bondage to addicting substances such as drugs or alcohol.

3- We lust for food. How many of you went on a diet this week? Our lust for food ultimately leads to gluttony.

4- We lust for power. This leads to unhealthy ambition.

5- We lust for sex and it leads to immorality or impurity.

6- We lust for things or money which leads to greed.

Not all of these things are evil in and of themselves. Lust is an appetite out of control. The desire to be accepted is not always bad, but when it is out of God's control, then it becomes lust. The desire for food is obviously not always bad. It is bad when this desire is not under God's discipline. The desire for sex is wrong when it is outside the will of God. The desire for money is wrong when it is beyond God's priority. Lust happens when these appetites are beyond God's will or out of control. A basic cause, surely not the only cause, but the paramount cause of lust is a discontented spirit. This is a spirit that is not satisfied with its lot in life and is at the root of many of these appetites that become out of control.

We went to the Scriptures in the last lesson to learn these things about lust. Lust wars against the soul. There is a constant conflict between the lust of the flesh and the spirit which is trying to control your life. We see this in I Peter 2:11. Lusts are self-destructive as we see in Titus 2:12. Lusts often spring from discontentment as we see in 1 Timothy 6:6-9. Lusts ultimately make you Satan's slave as we see in Romans 6:12-23. Lusts choke out the Word of God as we see in Mark 4:19. Lusts eventually lead to more overt sins as we see in James 1:13-15.

In the last lesson, we concluded that the last issues involved why all of us seem to long inwardly to deal with the problem of lust.

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1- We don't want to be found out. (I Corinthians 4:5)

2- We don't want judgment or discipline from God. (Romans 2:16)

3- We don't want to be powerless in the battle and become unusable and put on the shelf, no longer available. (I Corinthians 9:26-27)

4- We don't want to break the heart of God. We have invited Him as an honored guest into the rooms of our heart to live. We don't want to offend Him by cluttering that life with filth that He cannot live with. (II Corinthians 6:19)

So these are the issues and now we need to look at the answers. I believe there are five basic principles that must be understood in order to allow God to change our thought lives. In the last lesson, I reviewed these principles. They are,

1- The case for innocence.

2- The principle of the eye

3- The ten-second moment of truth

4- The process of substitution in the Christian's life

5- God's plan for major surgery.

Let's begin by looking at the solution by reminding ourselves of two basic facts. These are old hat to us, but we need to review them.

Fact 1- God does know in detail, in living color, every thought you and I think. These are some verses you might want to memorize to remind you of this fact.

...for we serve God alone who examines our hearts' deepest thoughts. (I Thessalonians 2:4 TLB)

...for you, the righteous God, look deep within in the hearts of men and examine all of their motives and all of their thoughts. (Psalm 7:9b TLB)

Almighty Lord, You test men justly. You know what is in their hearts and You know what is in their minds.

(Jeremiah 20:12 paraphrased)

Here is a good one for all of us to memorize. I love this one. I want to read this one from the Living Bible,

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked them, "Why are you thinking such evil thoughts?" (Matthew 9:4 TLB)

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This is a tough verse to memorize. Jesus knew what they were thinking and wanted to know why they were thinking such evil thoughts. Luke 6:8 says,

How well He knew their thoughts! (Luke 6:8 TLB)

Luke 9:47 reminds us that Jesus was aware of what occupied their minds. Also in Luke we read,

Jesus, knowing their thoughts... (Luke 11:17 NIV)

This is the same phrase used in Matthew 12:25 and Luke 5:22 and Luke 6:8. The point is that Jesus is not only aware of, but also is concerned about and responds to whatever goes on in our minds. That ought to make all the difference in what we think about.

Fact 2- God desires and expects our thoughts to be pleasing to Him. We must lay these foundations. He wants us to pray this prayer in Psalm 19,

Let (may) the words of my mouth and the meditation (inner thoughts) of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14 NKJV)

We ought to wake up in the morning praying that prayer. Here is another good one,

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. (Psalm 51:10 TLB)

These laws, my source of joy and singing through all these years of my earthly pilgrimage.

I will obey them even at night and keep my thoughts O Lord, on you. (Psalm 119:55,56 TLB)

Search me, oh God, and know my heart, test my thoughts.

Point out anything you find in me that makes You sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

(Psalm 139:23,24 TLB)

We need to pray that prayer each day as the day begins. Jeremiah 4:14 says,

O Jerusalem, cleanse your hearts while there is (still) time. You can be saved (delivered) by casting out your evil thoughts. (Jeremiah 4:14 TLB)

Young people...be a pattern...by your clean thoughts.

(I Timothy 4:12 TLB)

(Men) Treat the older women as mothers, and treat the girls as your sisters, thinking only pure, clean thoughts about them.

(I Timothy 5:2 TLB)

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...“It is the thought life that pollutes.” (a man)...  
(Mark 7:20 TLB)

...watch what you do and watch what you think;  
(James 2:12 TLB)

Only James could be that practical and honest. Titus 1:15 in the Living Bible says,

What you look at and the mind we have affects our total outlook. A person who is pure in heart sees goodness in everything, but a person whose own heart is evil, finds evil in everything for his dirty mind and rebellious heart colors everything he sees.  
(Titus 1:15 TLB)

They (pastors and church leaders) must be clean minded.  
(Titus 1:8 TLB)

(Older women, teach the younger women)...to be clean minded.  
(Titus 2:5 TLB)

So God is aware of everything you think. What you think affects everything you do and everything you are. Therefore, God wants it changed.

Now, let's look at how we do this.

### The Case for Innocence

This won't help you as an adult as much as it will the children, but it could help you with your children, your grandchildren, or the children of your friends. The principle is similar to what a computer does. We need to remember the analogy in the lesson a few weeks ago, that the mind is a computer. It stores data and recalls data, but it doesn't originate data. It simply stores and recalls. It has the capability of receiving, storing, and recalling data.

There are two inputs into the computer of the mind. It is the input of holiness, the input of the Spirit and the character and the mind of God from the Word of God. Another input is plugged into the other side of the mind that is also feeding information into it. This input is called the flesh. It is the character and mind of Satan feeding us data from Satan's world. The two are coming together. One is producing holiness and the other producing garbage. They are both going into the same mind.

The Scripture says this,

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.  
(Proverbs 4:23 NKJV)

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The word “keep” has the connotation of being guarded or protected in a sphere so that it cannot be encroached upon. The heart, of course, is the real you inside and the mind is at the point of these decisions. The word diligence means at all cost. So let’s re-translate that passage to say, Protect your mind and what goes into it at all costs, because what it becomes, you become.

In the same passage, the Living Bible says,

Above all else, guard your affections for they influence everything else in your life because as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 4:23 TLB)

Principle 1- Data that is never allowed into the mind can never resurface and pollute the mind. The Scripture says that a child left to himself will bring shame to his parents. What I am trying to say is that the parent’s responsibility is to work on these two inputs as they go into the child’s mind. We are to starve one and to feed the other. We are to build a blockade and run interference to try to prevent the wrong material from getting into that child’s life. Teachers in schools have a particular responsibility in this area.

I want to give you an illustration. I basically came from an extremely good home. There was very little bad language that went on. As I grew up, I was like many of you, extremely insecure and wanted acceptance at any cost. The big thing was the bad mouth. If you had the filthiest language and you could tell the dirtiest, foulest jokes, then you were accepted at least to some degree. This is when I was not a Christian. You were accepted into the “in” crowd. This was even before the word “cool” was used. I would expect that almost everyone here or listening on tape could tell a similar story.

Even today in my weaker moments, I can remember jokes that I learned 30 years ago, even if I am trying not to. A certain mechanism in my brain will trigger a thought and even though I can’t remember what I heard in church last Sunday, that filthy joke will come back with all the details. It is just filth. I can tell you that in times of stress, the mouth can be controlled, but up to the mind comes phrases and words and filth that I haven’t used with my tongue in 30 years. Why? Programming. These things of the past are indelibly programmed on the heart. There are images and scenes from movies or from immoral personal experiences and ungodly habits. These things will go locked in the mind and

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in times of stress, your unconscious mind begins to talk, and there are many things that come at you. It is shocking to yourself and you wonder where they came from.

You may go into an operation, and when you come out from under the anesthesia, you don't want anybody to know what you said. It is the real you with things programmed from the time of your youth. Sometimes it involves immorality. Sometimes it involves bitterness, rejection, hostilities and anger. Christ came into your heart, and you confessed these things as sin. You suppressed them so that they would not be released. In the next lesson, we are going to talk about the question, "Is there a way to get rid of these thoughts permanently?"

The whole idea is that the input must be controlled. There are at least 5 major forces that shape our children's minds. These are school, television, friendships, parents and church, in that order unfortunately.

The first force is school. I put the pencil to it and found that from the time a child goes to kindergarten and then graduates college, there are at least 28,000 hours of exposure to the educational process.

The second force is television. I put the pencil to what I read in the newspaper regarding the average of a child's television viewing time by the time he reaches 22. He also has programmed his mind with roughly the same amount of hours. Therefore, 56,000 hours by the time a child is 22 have been programmed in your mind by the schools he attends, the teachers that teach him, and the television programs he watches.

The third force is friendships. Roughly 50% of the average person's waking hours is affected in one way or another by his friends.

The fourth force is parents. The key to parenting is that the first 6 years of your child's life you have almost 100% of their attention, provided that you don't allow them to follow you around and treat them as a nuisance and try to put them somewhere out of the way in order for them to go to school. Those 6 years are the most important times in their lives. You are the molding force in their lives at the most crucial time. After they start to school, your available time with them drops to 50%.

The fifth force is church. The average evangelical Christian



child out of all of that, having 56,000 hours of exposure to education and television, has a total of 960 hours of exposure to church.

The point is that it is a full-time job to be a parent. I wish I had it to do over with my children. I wish it had been explained to me 25 years ago that these children's thought lives are the result of the accumulation of all the instruction and all of the influences in their lives. Of these 5 things, school, television, friendships, parents and church, do you realize that all 5 of them are within the parent's sphere of control, if they want it to be? You can decide what school they go to and who teaches them. You can decide whether or not they watch television and what they watch. You can help decide who their friends are. You can certainly control the influence and input they have from you, their parents. You can determine what church they go to and what teaching from the Word they are exposed to.

The point is that children do not need exposure to sin. They need exposure to God. They need to learn to see sin from God's perspective. I know that some of you disagree greatly with what I am saying. I have heard all of the arguments. Children are not harmed, for the most part, from being sheltered. Children are harmed by exposure to sin, to Satan, and to Satan's lies. To shelter a child from the world's onslaught does not leave him unprepared to cope, if he or she has been rightly exposed to Jesus Christ. Give them all of the exposure you can, not to the rules and regulations, but to the person of Jesus Christ. Teach them to walk with Him as a person. Teach them to love Him as a person. Teach them to talk to Him as a person. Cultivate their love for Him. Salt their oats. Give them a new hunger for truth. They will then be able to deal with sin as they come in contact with it.

I want to go back to this passage, because it must be the foundation to everything we do. The Scripture actually says that when they wake up in the morning, Jesus. When they go to bed at night, Jesus. When they walk by the way, Jesus. When they sit in the house, Jesus. On the gate of the house, Jesus. On the door posts of the house, Jesus. As frontlets between their eyes, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. You cannot overexpose a child to Jesus Christ.

Everything a child needs to know about adultery can be found in the Scriptures. You can show it to him. You can teach

him about it from God's perspective. He doesn't need to learn about it from 6 out of every 10 television shows that are viewed in prime time 7 days a week. Everything he needs to know about astrology can be found in the Scriptures from God's point of view. He doesn't need to read about it from a psychic in the newspaper. Everything he needs to know about homosexuality and alcohol and rebellion can be found in the Word of God, if you will teach them. This is why Paul said to Timothy, "Tim, you've had a break. From a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures."

Where do you want your child to learn about sex, from the television programs or the Word of God? Where do you want your child to learn about murder, from television or the Word of God? Where do you want them to learn about witchcraft, from television or movies, or from the Word of God? Where do you want them to learn about cheating, and what standards are acceptable, from television and movies or from the Word of God? Where do you want them to learn about parental relationships, from secular sources or from the Word of God?

Now I realize that there are many variables and the case can be over-simplified. I am only trying to relate a principle. You must apply it as you see fit. The principle, however, is the case for innocence. It's basic premise is to never expose the mind to garbage, and then the mind will never become a dumpster.

### The Principle of the Eye

Principle 2- If your daily input into the mind serves to trigger previous lusts or develop new trash, you must carefully control, even as an adult, what goes into the mind. The key to what goes into the mind is what goes into the eyes. In other words, what you see IS what you get. You will become like what you look at. So you and I are intensely accountable for what we look at.

Here is what the Scripture says about what we see. Once the eyes of man had to be opened to sin. We see this in Genesis 2:16,17,

But the Lord gave the man this warning: "You may eat any fruit in the garden, except the fruit from the tree of conscience—for its fruit will open your eyes to make you aware of right and wrong, good and bad."

(Genesis 2:16,17 TLB)

In Genesis 3:4-7 in the Living Bible, we read,

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“That’s a lie!” the serpent hissed. “You’ll not die!”

“God knows very well that the instant you eat it you will become like him, for your eyes will be opened and you will be able to distinguish between good and evil!”

The woman was convinced. How lovely and fresh looking it was! And it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit and gave some to her husband, and he ate it too.

And as they ate it, suddenly, they became aware of their nakedness and were embarrassed. (Genesis 3:4-7 TLB)

So the second principle is that now the eyes of man must be opened to spiritual things and closed to the flesh. We see this in Psalm 119,

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way. (Psalm 119:18, 37 NKJV)

Ephesians 1:18 says,

(I pray that) The eyes of your understanding will be enlightened. (Ephesians 1:18)

Or as one version puts it, “granting you eyes of the heart.”

I John 2:16 says,

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (I John 2:16 NKJV)

Principle 3- The eye is the control mechanism that largely governs the purity of the heart. In the Living Bible in Luke 11:34 and 35 Jesus says,

Your eye lights up your inward being. A pure eye lets sunshine into your soul. A lustful eye shuts out the light and plunges you into darkness.

So watch out that the sunshine isn’t blotted out. If you are filled with light within with no dark corners, then the outside will be radiant too as though a floodlight is beamed upon you. (Luke 11:34,35 TLB)

Listen to Matthew 6:22 and 23 in the Living Bible as Jesus says,

If your eye is pure, there will be sunshine in your soul, but if your eye is clouded with evil thoughts and desires, you are in deep, spiritual darkness and oh how dark that darkness can be. (Matthew 6:22,23 TLB)

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Matthew 5 in the Living Bible Jesus says,

The law of Moses said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

But I say, 'Anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart.'

So if your eye causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. (Matthew 5:27-29 TLB)

Principle 4- Man's eyes, apart from God, are never satisfied as we see in Proverbs,

Hell and destruction are never full, so the eyes of man are never satisfied. (Proverbs 27:20)

Principle 5- The eye must be controlled at any cost. Matthew 18:7-9 again talks about this subject. If your eye offends you, pluck it out. Jesus tells us three things regarding body parts. If the hand offends, if your foot offends you, or if your eye offends you, get rid of it. Your hand represents what you do. The foot represents where you go. The eye represents what you look at. The concept is that of malignancy. What Jesus is saying is, if you have a disease, you must deal with it. If what you look at is the problem, then you need to do anything that is necessary to change what you look at. You cut it out and deal with the malignancy and begin to treat the tissues around it. Mark 9 tells the same story. Romans 13:14 says,

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (Romans 13:14 NKJV)

In other words, there is no room on your checklist for the things that cause you to lust. Proverbs 4:23 and 25 in the Living Bible says this,

Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life.

Look straight ahead and don't even turn your head to look. (Proverbs 4:23, 25 TLB)

Job 31:1-7 reveals that Job is trying to be self-righteous, but the truth that he shares is important,

"I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman?"

For what is the allotment of God from above, and the inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

Is it not destruction for the wicked, and disaster for the workers of iniquity? (Job 31:1-3 NKJV)

Isaiah 33:15 says that God's choicest people are those who shut their eyes to enticement.

Principle 6- While man is responsible for what he looks at, women are responsible to some degree for what he sees. A woman, too, must control her thought life, but being designed as he is, men have a far greater problem with some of the areas of controlling lust than women do. It is easy for a woman to misunderstand the secondary role she plays scripturally in the problem. Ladies, while you cannot control what the world and others throw at men, you are responsible for your part in what they see. You may say, "That is not my problem, you are just a bunch of dirty old men." Well, this room is full of dirty old men and dirty young men who by the grace of God have been given the spirit of God and are battling to develop the mind of God. Women have a scriptural responsibility to God to dress in such a way as to not to be responsible for men to stumble.

Here are some of the principles for women to follow regarding their dress,

- 1- Women are not to dress for men but for God.
- 2- Seek how what you wear can bring maximum glory to God and reveal His godliness in your countenance.
- 3- Do the least you can to excite the lower nature of man.
- 4- Do the least you can to encourage sensual thoughts.
- 5- Remember God's goal is femininity without sensuality.
- 6- Learn to be attractive without being seductive.

Proverbs likens a woman who uses her clothing, her hair, or her mannerism to attract the lower nature of man to a prostitute, as though that indeed were the secret desire of her heart. If women could live one hour in a man's mind, you would never again wear a bikini, a low cut neckline or tight fitting, revealing or sensual clothing in public, unless you have a secret desire to incite men's thoughts to immorality.

So the crux of the principle is that the eye must be controlled at any cost or there cannot be victory. Those of us who say we can watch a sensual scene on television or in a movie and still think the thoughts of a holy God are either self-deceived or liars. If necessary, cancel those magazine subscription, sell your television set, or curtail its usage. When these opportunities come

that are dangerous to you, if possible, flee and pray to ask God to cleanse you. Don't kid yourself, we reap what we sow. We are what we see. The key is, how long does it take us to decide when temptation comes?

### The Ten-second Moment of Truth

The third solution is man's ten-second moment of truth. In the next lesson, we will talk about the two ways that God changes our thoughts by substitution and surgery. Now I want to go back to James 1 and remember what James said in a loose translation: Let no man say when he is tempted, "God did that." God didn't. God can't. You did it when you allowed lust to conceive.

Now look how lust turns to sin. James says that the eye sees something, and it ignites the lower nature. It turns on the pilot light for a moment. In an instant in your mind, you have an opportunity and a choice. You can flip off the pilot light, or you can do nothing and let the thermostat kick the furnace on. It is that quick. It happens in a moment, but it happens all of the time.

An example is when we are watching television. A scene comes on or a person comes on that will develop thoughts that don't honor God. Lust is ignited within us. The Scripture says that there are one of two things we can do. If we allow lust to conceive, it brings forth sin. We have either got to stop it at that instant or else we know the results.

A man sees a girl walk by. The Scripture says not to even turn your head to look. Don't turn your eyes to look but instead, pray. You may say, "Well then, I'll be praying all day." My friend, there is nothing wrong with that.

Let's take the area of food. There are all kinds of thoughts that go through our minds. I have a candy machine where I work. Every time I walk by that machine, I have to make a decision. I look at that candy and lust takes over. I will steal out of a cash register to get at that candy. The choice I have to make is to walk away from it immediately for if I stare at it just a little too long, my hand goes into my pocket like a robot to take the money out to buy the candy.

For some, the struggle comes when a catalogue comes in the mail. It is filled with things you don't need and can't afford, but you are going to look at them and end up buying them, because

they are on sale. You have two choices when the mail comes. You can take the catalogues and throw them in the trash, or you can open them and begin to say to yourself, "I don't want to buy anything. I just want to look at the pictures." All the while, you have pencil and paper in hand, checking off a way to send you into sure bankruptcy.

There can be an invitation to compromise. The phone rings and a friend asks you to do something, and you immediately know that it is a compromise for you. You may be driving along and the voice of a stranger and the enemy begins to speak to you. You have a choice. You need to immediately stop and pray and ask God to cleanse you and begin to praise God, or you can listen to the voice of a stranger and fall into immorality.

You may struggle with alcohol. You may think you can just take one drink, but you do and then down you go. You have an opportunity to drink, and you have a ten-second test to decide not to.

II Timothy 2:20-23, in the Living Bible says this,

In a wealthy home, there are dishes made of gold and silver as well as some made from wood and clay. The expensive dishes are used for guests and the cheap ones are used in the kitchen to put garbage in.

If you stay away from sin, you will be like one of those dishes made of pure gold, the very best in the house so that Christ, Himself, can use you for His highest purposes.

Run from anything that gives you the evil thoughts that young men often have but stay close to anything that makes you want to do what is right. Have faith and love and enjoy the companionship of those who love the Lord and have pure hearts. (II Timothy 2:20; 22,23 TLB)

If you want to be God's choicest vessel, and you see something that triggers evil thoughts, whether it is food or some other kind of lust, turn in your heart immediately, and if you can with your body also, and run. How long is ten seconds? That is a hypothetical length of time, and it can take less time than that and certainly not more time than that to make a wrong choice or no choice at all, which is, in essence, the wrong choice. There is the battlefield, enticed by our own lusts and lust given time to be born, brings forth sin in the mind. Sin when it has conceived, brings separation from fellowship with God. Try the ten-second

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test this week when you are tempted. The second temptation comes, focus on the Lord, quote the Word of God and begin to flee from the very appearance of evil.

God is looking for a pure heart. He is looking for a progressively pure heart as we grow spiritually. He understands our frailties, because He made us. He understands our temptations, because He was tempted in all points like as we. He understands our failures. He has made provision for escape and for forgiveness.

In light of this, He does expect change. He expects us to make choices on a day to day basis. He expects us to program our children's minds and guard their affections. He expects us to guard our own eyes and put a watch on them so that they look only on the things that please Him. He expects us to choose what we will think about, moment by moment, as we go through the day. As we make His choices then, He gives us His power and He cleanses our hearts. Then the Scripture says, Oh, what bliss for those with new hearts. Let us become progressively satisfied with nothing less. For then we shall progressively see God.

Note: Russell wrote each of these lessons in a manner that would enable him to clearly communicate them to his weekly class. The grammar or punctuation you encounter may not be technically perfect, but you will certainly "hear" his unique gift for making the message applicable to the common man in everyday situations.

It's been said of him that he was really a writer who read his stuff. And that's a very accurate statement!

May you be richly blessed as you "hear" as you read.

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