

“Purer in Heart, O God”

*“WATCH THOU MY WAYWARD FEET,
GUIDE ME WITH COUNSEL SWEET”*



How Can We Live Wholly to God?

“Purer in heart, O God, Help me to be.”

1. By pursuing a pure of heart with God

□ **Psalm 51:1-2, “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”**

□ **Psalm 51:9-10, “Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”**



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2. By Obeying the gospel of Christ

(Where & When Purity of Heart is first given!)

- **Acts 2:38**, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
- **Acts 15:9**, God “put no difference between us and them, (Jews & Gentiles) purifying their hearts by faith.”
- **Hebrews 10:22**, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”

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3. By maintaining a pure heart

- With love, **Matthew 22:37**, ***“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”***
- With determination, **Luke 14:28-30, 33**. ***“ For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish...likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”***

We Need the Lord's Help

“Watch thou my wayward feet”

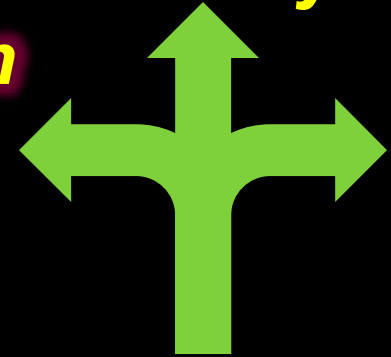
- God sees our every step
 - **Hebrews 4:13**, *“there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight; all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him”*
 - **Job 31:4**, *“Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?”*
 - **Job 34:21**, *“his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.”*



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- **Jeremiah 10:23**, *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”*
- **Proverbs 2:6-9**, *“the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.”*



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- **Proverbs 2:10-15, 20, “When wisdom entereth into thine heart and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:... thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.”**

God's Counsel is Perfect

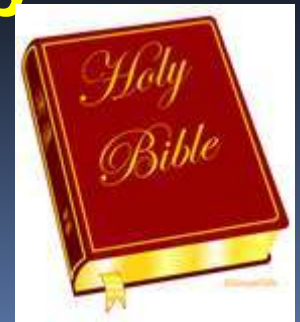
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- David trusted God's Counsel
 - **Psalm 31:1-3**, *“In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defense to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.”*
 - **Psalm 143:8**, *“for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.”*

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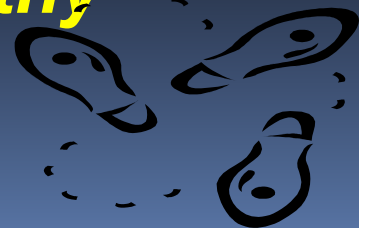
- God's Counsel is righteousness (RIGHT)
 - **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”
 - **Acts 17:11**, Those in Berea were, “more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”



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- However, It is up to each person to heed
 - **Psalm 25:5, 9**, *“Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day...The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.”*
 - **Psalm 119:59**, *“I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.”*
 - **Psalm 119:101-102**, *“I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.”*



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- God's ways are superior to man's ways
 - **Isaiah 55:9**, *“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*
- Man must humble himself before God
 - **James 4:7-10**, *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you ...purify your hearts...Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”*





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- God's counsel is essential to salvation
 - **Psalm 19:7-11**, *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*
 - **Psalm 119:103**, *How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* 
 - **1 John 5:3**, *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*  

Conclusion of the Matter

*“Purer In Heart of God, Help me to be:
May I devote my life Wholly to Thee;
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Matthew 5:8

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shall see God.”*

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