

Topic: Proper Humanity – Pure

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verses: “But let your word be, Yes, yes; No, no” (Matthew 5:37a).

“Your word is very pure, And Your servant loves it” (Psalm 119:140) (memory verse).

Focus: To be pure is not to be mixed or contaminated. We should be pure in our words.

Practical Application: When we say something, our words should be pure and we should mean what we say. When someone asks you a question, you should answer truthfully, instead of responding with what you think will please the person. Suppose your teacher asks what your favorite food is. You might tell her that your favorite food is broccoli (even though you like ice cream more) because you want her to think you are healthy and smart. This is not being pure in our words. If your mother asks you to clean up your room and you respond, “Okay,” but then you don’t do anything, is this being pure in your words?

Intermediate:

Verse: “The way of a guilty man is crooked; But as for the pure, his work is right” (Proverbs 21:8).

Focus: We should be pure in what we do.

Practical Application: Not only should our words be pure, but our actions should also be pure. Suppose you wanted to go to your friend’s house, but your mother said you may not. You want to change her mind, so you decide to help clean the house by vacuuming the floor and taking out the trash. Or suppose there is a new student in your class and your teacher asks for a volunteer to help her. You don’t really care to help, but you know the teacher will be happy with you and you will get an award for being a star student. In both cases, your actions and deeds are good, but are they pure?

Advanced:

Verse: “Blessed are the pure in heart...” (Matthew 5:8).

“But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart...” (1Timothy 1:5a) (memory verse).

Focus: We should be pure in our heart. The intentions in our heart should be pure.

Practical Application: When we do something, the intentions and motives in our heart should be pure. Suppose your friend had a birthday just a few days before yours and you give her a nice gift. When it is your birthday, do you expect to receive a gift in return? When we do something for others, do we have an expectation that we will receive something in return, that somehow it will benefit us? If so, the motive and purpose in our heart for doing that thing may not be pure.