

Pure Enough?

Description

Titus 1:10-16

What is pure? That's a question the Food and Drug Administration in the United States has trouble answering with clarity. They have dodged lawsuits because of legal precedents allowing "unpreventable contaminants" during the production of something. What this amounts to is that even if it is only mostly pure, it is pure enough.

Is that the way God defines purity? Does He allow a certain amount of impurity just because we live in a broken world? Or does He raise the standard because He can provide the purity?

This virtual meeting with Titus was getting a little uncomfortable. Conversations about heart purity will do that. We all make excuses for allowing attitudes or actions that do not come from a pure heart. In too many ways, we've accepted the "pure enough" standard. However, God does nothing partway. Neither should we. We point our will and thoughts toward God and live by His standards.

It's like the difference between seeing the world through cleaned glasses or dirty ones. Which is the truer image? That's why we give God permission to clean our hearts of anything that does not meet His quality standard.

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