

The World Looks Different to the Pure

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Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

- I. This verse is speaking of the two types of people and each one's view of the world around them.
 - A. Every person creates their own universe around themselves.
 - B. One looks for the good and one only looks for the bad.
 - C. The same cold air that invigorates the healthy man will bring disease and weakness to the sickly man.
 - D. The rotten fruit is sweet to a worm, but nauseous to people.
 1. It is the same fruit having different effects on different beings.
 - E. A noble person will see all things noble, but the defiled and unbelieving person will see all things contemptible.
 - F. We create and unmake the world around us with our moods, sometimes multiple times a day.
 - G. The mind's eye creates a world for itself; good or bad.
 - H. And the mind is affected in this by purity and pollution.

- II. It is not that the pure mind does not see the pollution and recognize it as such, but more that the polluted mind does not see the purity.
 - A. The world is what it is, and that means that right now there is both good and evil in it.
 - B. Most people only see the evil, and are persuaded that all is evil and there is no good.
 1. This is a lie of the devil and we need to be careful when we are prone to think this way.
 2. It is a warning sign that our mind is being polluted, and therefore affecting our heart and our reasoning.
 - C. This is the attitude you find in the homeless people on the street and all the drug addicts, prostitutes, and other ungodly people of the world.
 1. They do not believe there is good anywhere, in anyone.
 2. The psychiatrists used to call that paranoia, because if you believe everyone is out to get you then you must believe there is nothing in the world but evil.
 - D. It may seem that there is nothing but evil in the world, but that is because evil makes a lot more noise than purity and righteousness.
 1. It only takes a drop of something noxious to make a gallon of pure stuff stink.

Ecclesiastes 10:1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.

2. Evil brings swift destruction and causes lots of misery and grief that affects many people and is therefore more noticeable.
3. Righteousness and purity builds and edifies, which takes a long time and is not noticed because it is done in quietness and peace.

- III. Our view of the world reflects how much of its pollution has filtered into our minds and hearts.
- A. To the pure all things are pure.
 - B. This is why the life of the godly is so much more pleasant and positive.
 - 1. He views the world as God created it and he sees God in everything.
 - 2. The whole creation is a wonder to him because it has God's signature all over every molecule.
 - 3. He lives by faith, so he sees what could be, and by reading the Word of God knows what WILL be one day when redemption is complete for all of God's creation.
 - C. To the defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
 - 1. His way is hard, and life is full of misery and woe, and there is nothing to trust or rejoice in.
 - 2. Since he has judged all as being evil and convinced himself that good does not exist, he has not hope for any future that is better.
 - 3. He lives by sight and not by faith, and the only thing he sees is evil in everything.
 - 4. Since everything and everyone is evil and rotten he excuses himself as just being like everyone else, but probably a little better than most; so his mind and conscience are defiled.
 - D. There are two ways to live in this world.
 - 1. We can live in hope, loving others, and believing God.

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

- 2. This will cause us to look at others, and the world around us completely differently than the lost around us.
- 3. Our hope and our peace will beget reason to hope in others, and be a beacon for them. "Ye are the light of the world."
- 4. This view of the world and the effect it has on others is one of the results of purity; a pure heart, a pure mind, and a pure conscience.
- 5. Or we can live in hopelessness, despair, bitterness, hatefulness, and darkness.
- 6. We can view the world as nothing but evil, and all people as our enemies, and defy our conscience and God, and have a special contempt for the people of God, and we will live in the darkest place of the universe.

Ephesians 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

- E. This difference is not marked by those who go to church and those who do not, but by the view they have of the world around them.

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

- 1. Obviously, there were people sitting in church then who were unbelieving and defiled in mind and conscience, but who claimed they were saved and serving God.
- 2. Let's be careful and examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith.
- 3. The creation of a new man (new birth) is the creation of a new universe.