

Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one! For message manuscripts and videos go to spwired.com.

Monday—Jesus said, “Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.” One facet of being merciful is being forgiving. **Read *Mathew 18:21-35*** in the New Testament. Notice Peter’s question in verse 21. What is he really asking? Jesus answers with a story. What is the message of this story? What do you relate to most in this? Do you think Jesus’ words are somewhat harsh in verse 35? Why or why not? (Don’t forget Aaron’s “purity challenge.” Try it for a week!)

Tuesday—**Read *Luke 10:25-37*** in the New Testament. According to this story, what does mercy look like? How can you live that out in real ways in your everyday life? **Read *James 2:13*** in the New Testament. What happens if you choose not to be merciful? One meaning of being merciful is stepping into someone else’s skin and seeing through their eyes and feeling with their feelings. How easy or difficult is this? How might you attempt this in the near future?

Wednesday—Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” **Read *Ephesians 5:1-5*** in the New Testament. Paul tells us here to be imitators of God, then he describes what that might look like. What in here challenges you? Concerns you? **Read *1 Corinthians 10:31-33***. Look at the major facets of your life: work, home, finances, free time, language. What areas of your life give glory to God? What areas need work? How are you doing with the “purity challenge”?

Thursday—**Read *Philippians 4:8-9*** in the New Testament. How might this advice help you to gain and maintain purity? What issues of impurity do you struggle with? **Read *Matthew 5:48***. How would you define perfection? Would God define it the same or different than you? Does this command encourage or discourage you? Why?

Friday—**Read *Psalms 51*** in the Old Testament. This was King David’s cry for purity after being confronted with his tragic sins. How can we model his cry for purity? How might that help when faced with our own impurity? How is God’s amazing grace evident here? If you took on the “purity challenge” how have you seen God because of it?

Prayer Concerns

Health & Healing

Bill Christman, Lacie Adler, Carrol Skelton, Tammy Comer, Pam Clifton, Donna Watson, Katrina Feller, Randy Baker, Jay McBee, Estill Lawless, Lisa Raihl, Bernice Robinson, Dean Walker, Mynatt Wilkinson, Ray Rich, Khloe Weston, Pam Dart, Khloe Holloway

Cancer Treatment

Easton Murdock, Joey Walker, Bob Benefiel, Sarah Burkybile, Marvin Waugh, Kathy Yost

Other Concerns

Mynatt Wilkinson, Susanne Brander, Josh Walker, Makiah Newman