

## What Does God Say About Being Pure?

### Lesson 42

## Matthew 9:9-10; 6:19-33

### Memory Verse

**How can a young person keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word. Psalm 119:9**

### Introduction

If there was a fire, what would be the three things that you would grab and take with you? We have lots of “stuff” that is important to us. Let’s see what Jesus says about it.

Jesus went from town to town telling people about God. He also invited people to go with Him. Jesus had already asked 4 fishermen to come and follow Him. They excitedly followed, not sure what was to come.

One day, Jesus was in a town and He saw a tax collector named Matthew. Matthew’s job was to collect taxes from people. Back then, they did not have computers or cash registers that added tax to a purchase. The tax collectors would go to everyone in town and demand taxes for things that they bought. Some tax collectors were sneaky and would ask for more than they would need. They would keep the extra.

### Scripture

#### Matthew 9:9

**As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.**

### Discussion

#### Ask: What did Jesus say to Matthew?

Jesus walked up to Matthew’s money table. Jesus asked Matthew to come and follow Him.

#### Ask: What did Matthew do?

Immediately, Matthew left the table and followed Jesus. He knew that Jesus was more important than money. He freely gave up these things and began to walk with Jesus.

#### Matthew 9:10

**While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.**

#### Ask: What did Jesus do?

The Bible tells us that Jesus went to Matthew’s house for dinner. Many of Matthew’s friends came to listen and learn. Matthew knew that Jesus could change their lives too. He invited his friends so that they could see that Jesus was more important than anything else.

**Matthew 6:25-27**

**"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"**

**Ask: What did Jesus say about worry?**

Jesus also tells us not to worry about things.

**Ask: What did Jesus say about the birds of the air?**

Jesus said that God provides everything for them. They have all that they need.

**Matthew 6:28-32**

**"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."**

**Ask: What did Jesus say about what is most important?**

In another part of the Bible, Jesus shares what is most important. It is not money, clothes, or any "stuff." Jesus says that God must be more important than anything else. We should store up treasures that will last in Heaven, not things that will break, rust, wear out, or change.

**Ask: What did Jesus say about what we need?**

He tells us that God will take care of us.

When we walk in obedience to God, our heavenly Father, it gives Him pleasure to provide for our needs.

When we walk in obedience to God, our heart is going to tell us what God desires and we will seek God's kingdom.

When we walk with God we will desire God's justice.

When we walk with God, He will give us all that we need.

## Discussion

### Matthew 6:34

**Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

**Ask: What else did Jesus say about worry?**

He shares that we should seek God first and everything else will work out. That means we should live for God and do things for Him and He will take care of all our needs.

Matthew knew that God was more important than money. He left all the “stuff” that had controlled him and he followed Jesus. What about you? Do you love God more than “stuff”? Are there things in your life that you love more than Jesus? Matthew walked away from the “stuff” and he lived for God. Are you willing to do this?

Jesus died and came back to life to make a way for us to go to Heaven. If we believe in Him and trust Him with all our heart, He will come into our life and clean out all the sin that is there. He will make us clean. Jesus will help us do things God’s way and help us live for God instead of for the things we want.

**Ask: Would you like to invite God to be a part of your life?**

You must tell God you are sorry for all the wrong things you have done. You must believe in Jesus and all He did for you. Then, ask Jesus to come into your life. Ask Him to make you clean and help you to stay clean. Jesus will come into your life and change it. You will be like a new person, doing things like Jesus would do.

## Application

### Romans 10:9-10

**That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.