

## What Our Hearts Tell Us

### **Ready:**

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” – Matthew 5:8

### **Set**

In the world of professional golf, a public battle has occurred. The top-tier league has been the PGA (Professional Golf Association) for years. Recently, another league, LIV Golf, has emerged to challenge the PGA.

This battle has many different threads, from compensation, the amount of tournaments required, and the idea of the purity behind the game. Members of the PGA believe that LIV Golf stands to challenge the very heart of the game. More than anything, certain members of the PGA want to preserve what they believe to be the heart behind why they compete, not for the chance to win millions but to master their craft.

Whatever your stance on this ongoing battle, there is something to be said about being able to look past the paychecks, fame and structure and examine the core of why you do what you do.

Why do you play or coach your sport? If it's for superficial reasons, then it's safe to say that you are not participating from your heart. When something stems from your heart, it has no outside ties pulling that desire away from you. You play simply because you love the game and want to get better.

In all other areas of life, a pure heart helps you see things clearly; you are not distracted by outside influences. In our faith, a pure heart opens our eyes to see God more daily. Our motivation matters when it comes to what we do for God. If we try to memorize scripture to be the most knowledgeable but not to draw closer to God, then our heart isn't pure. If we have to get public recognition for every good deed performed, we are not pure in our motivations.

When we carry out our day with the sole desire of seeing God more clearly, we will find that the only praise we seek is from our Father.

### **Go**

- Are there things you do in life for the recognition of man?
- What do you think it means to “see God?”
- What within your daily life would change if no one saw it?

### **Workout**

Psalm 24:3-4

Acts 15:9

### **Overtime**

“Father, we do desire to see You today. As humans, we seek praise from this world for what we do. Convict us when our actions are performed for the world, not Your Kingdom. Amen.”



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