

A high-speed photograph of a water droplet falling into a pool of water. The droplet is captured mid-fall, just above the point of impact. Below it, a large, circular splash is visible, with concentric ripples spreading outwards. The water is a clear, vibrant blue. The word "PURITY" is overlaid in a bold, blue, 3D-style font across the center of the image.

PURITY

Proverbs 15:26

The Lord detests the THOUGHTS of the wicked, but those of the pure are pleasing to him.

PURITY is not a product of external rituals or [even] self denial.

PURITY is clean thoughts and motives and is expressed by works/actions that are innocent, sincere, and godly.

The Lord detests men of perverse
HEART, but he delights in those
whose ways are blameless. (11:20)

Proverbs 15:27

A greedy man brings trouble to his family
but he who HATES BRIBES will live.

A pure heart seeks neither to **create** weakness nor **exploit** weakness in others. A pure heart HATES and OPPOSES all forms of corruption, understanding their source to be the prince of darkness, the Deceiver.

Proverbs 16:6

Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man **AVOIDS** evil.

I can seek to compensate (“atone”) for evil. Purity avoids evil.

To do what is right and just is
MORE ACCEPTABLE to the
Lord than sacrifice. (21:3)

Reminder: While the New Testament explains that the blood of Christ atoned for all sins and purifies each person who accepts it, we are not therefore excused from seeking to make atonement or amends for personal sins. This is Christianity 101.
(Matthew 5:23-24)

God designed/ordained sex as a symbol or expression of “commitment” and “unity”. (Gen. 2:24) This gives it, therefore, in marriage, a purity. (Hebrews 13:4)

Apart from the protective bond of marriage, sex is impure (Eph. 5:3) and defiling (Heb. 12:15-16). So, PURITY implies **determination** and **discipline** to “avoid sexual immorality”.

Proverbs 30:11-12

There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers; those who are **PURE IN THEIR OWN EYES** yet are not cleansed of their filth.

My opinion of my own self cannot
be objective. I need help!

PURITY includes the acceptance of God's standards/nature as the goal of my thoughts and actions.