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Book Reviews



Miller, C. K. (2017). *Pure-hearted: The blessings of living out God's glory*. Plymouth, MA: Elk Lake Publishing, Inc. 232pp. \$9.99. ISBN 9781946638427

Kathy Collard Miller's new book *Pure-Hearted: The Blessings of Living Out God's Glory* is a faith-filled source of insight, stories, and Scripture which will help simplify inner motivations and feelings so that one can focus on blessings. This puts us in a better position with God's divine purpose. In each chapter, she leads us deeper into a place of greater purity. Through each discussion question and real-life example, she helps us put aside expectations that result from our human inclinations to focus with more clarity on God's glory and grace. Full of wisdom, practical application, and spiritual insights, it is a must-read for both the new Christian and the seasoned believer. I highly recommend this book for individual or group study.

Miller writes in a comfortable manner. It is as if she sits with her reader over a cup of coffee or tea at the kitchen table. In her book, *Pure-Hearted: The Blessings of Living Out God's Glory*, Miller challenges readers with the goal of more closely reflecting God's nature in our daily life. She does this while assuring us of his unfailing love and commitment to us. When we are certain of our place in his kingdom, we are free to be transparent with ourselves and others. Self-examination is often hard and discouraging, as the realities of our walk with Christ fall pitifully short of his example. Miller makes this a joyful journey as she weaves the Father's love with the call of Christlikeness. Do you want a purer passion for serving God and to respond with greater godliness as a result? *Pure-Hearted* inspires its' readers to focus on desiring God's glory and enjoying the benefits without guilt. Each chapter has a specific Scripture and discussion questions. As one goes through this study, one will define what it means to 'give God the glory' and discover what does it means to be 'pure hearted' and What it really means to have 'right motives' and how you allow the Spirit to 'search your heart' The author Miller identifies nine blessings that start with a transformed heart and end with God getting the glory. First Corinthians 3:18 says that "we all, with unveiled faces, all reflect the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image as our Lord from one degree of glory to another." We must not let any disobedience big or small become a veil that diminishes the glow of Jesus in our smiles. We need to keep trusting, keep obeying and keep shining for the Lord Jesus so that those around us will always be drawn towards Christ.

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