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Topic: Live With Pure Hearts Chapters: Luke 13 - 16 January 26th, 2022

11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Central Text: Luke 13:6-9, NKJV, 6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

Intro:

Romans 3:23, NKJV, For <u>all have sinned</u> and fall short of the glory of God?

<u>Real Love</u> = We can be dead wrong & guilty, but by confessing our guilt to Jesus we can be forgiven and have our slates wiped clean.

Luke 13:24, NKJV, Strive to enter through the <u>narrow gate</u>, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will <u>not be</u> able.

Matthew 5:8, NKJV, Blessed are the *pure in heart*, For they shall *see God*.

1.Prepare for Blessings and Barriers - Luke 14:27-29, NKJV, 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me *cannot be My disciple*. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down **first and count the cost**, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 *lest, after he has laid the foundation*, *and is not able to finish*, all who see it begin to **mock him,**

Ephesians 4:22-24, NKJV, Romans 6:6, NKJV, Galatians 5:24, NKJV, Luke 9:23-24, NKJV, Galatians 2:18, NKJV

Question for Dialogue: When we face and overcome barriers or obstacles in our current faith walk, how does it help us when we face future barriers or obstacles?

- 2.Care For What's Lost Luke 15:21 & 24, NKJV, 21And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.
 - Jesus told these parables, or stories, in response to the complaints of the Pharisees and scribes about him eating with sinners. (*Luke 15:1-3*)

Question for Dialogue: Think about how the grace of God has impacted you in your personal life. What's our proper response when we know we deserve bad results, but the Lord gives us good results?

3.Help The Less Fortunate & Don't Be Lovers of Money - Luke 16:19-21, NKJV, 19 "There was a certain rich man
who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously <i>every day</i> . 20 But there was <i>a certain beggar</i> named
Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table
Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.