

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:5-7

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand;
do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Philippians 4:9

What you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me –
practice these things,
and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9

Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely ...
think about these things ...
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Beauty is truth, truth beauty – that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.

~John Keats
Ode on a Grecian Urn

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True beauty involves a sort of revelation,
of the truth of the thing being experienced,
the thing itself, in its purity...

Psalm 24:3-5

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He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
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Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Job 4:17-21

Can mortal man be in the right before God?

Can a man be pure before his Maker?

Even in his servants he puts no trust,

and his angels he charges with error;

how much more those who dwell in houses

of clay, whose foundation is in the dust,

who are crushed like the moth.

Between morning and evening

they are beaten to pieces;

they perish forever without anyone regarding it.

Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them,

do they not die, and that without wisdom?

Job 15:14-15

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Or he who is born of a woman,
that he can be righteous?

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Job 25:4-6

How then can man be in the right before God?

How can he who is born of woman be pure?

Behold, even the moon is not bright,
and the stars are not pure in his eyes;
how much less man, who is a maggot,
and the son of man, who is a worm!

Titus 1:15

To the pure, all things are pure,
but to the defiled and unbelieving,
nothing is pure;
but both their minds and their consciences
are defiled.

Isaiah 40:6-8

A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.”

1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants,
long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation –
if indeed you have tasted
that the Lord is good.

Psalm 27:4

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

1 John 3:20-21

Whenever our heart condemns us,
God is greater than our heart,
and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us,
we have confidence before God.

1 Peter 3:3-4

Do not let your adorning be external –
the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold,
or the putting on of clothing –
but let your adorning be
the hidden person of the heart
with the imperishable beauty
of a gentle and quiet spirit,
which in God's sight is very precious.

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God;
and so we are...

Beloved, we are God's children now,
and what we will be has not yet appeared;
but we know that when he appears
we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
And everyone who thus hopes in him
purifies himself as he is pure.