

Secrets of True Greatness 4 – Leader’s Guide

- 1. Matthew 5:8 says, “Blessed are the pure in heart.” What does this mean? (We will be great and happy if we are pure on the inside. God wants us truthful, thankful, and unselfish, with pure motives. He doesn’t want us to use or manipulate people.)**
- 2. According to Jesus, what impure things come out of our hearts? See Mark 7:21-22. (Evil thoughts, sexual impurity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit-tricking people- lust, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.)**
- 3. Our hearts are not pure. How does God make them pure? (He cleans our hearts BY FAITH in Jesus. See Acts 15:9.)**
- 4. Matthew 5:8 says the pure in heart “will see God”. What does this mean? (If we believe, we’ll see God show up in our lives. We’ll see Him face to face in the next life.)**
- 5. Matthew 5:9 says, “Blessed are the peacemakers”. What does this mean? (We will be great and happy if we work to make peace and repair any broken relationships.)**
- 6. What are some ways we can stop fighting others and make peace? (We can spend time and energy listening to people so we understand them. We can say we’re sorry and admit we’ve done wrong. We can forgive. We can also be flexible and not insist on getting our way.)**
- 7. Romans 12:18 says, “If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” What does this mean? (Sometimes we can’t make peace because the other person is not willing. We must do our part, do what we can, but we can’t force others.)**
- 8. Why will peacemakers be called “children of God”? (When we work to bring peace, we’re acting like God (God of peace) and Jesus (Prince of Peace.) There is a family resemblance!**
- 9. Give examples of how Christians might be persecuted. (They might be insulted, hated, rejected, or lied about. They might lose their jobs and suffer financially. They might suffer physically and even be killed.)**
- 10. What reason did Jesus give for persecution in John 3:20? (If you’re doing wrong, you’ll hate people who are doing right because they expose you.)**
- 11. What response should we have when persecuted? Why? See Matthew 5:11-12. (We should be happy! Our reward in heaven will be great! God will make all things right.)**
- 12. Are you actively working to repair any broken relationships? (Answers will vary.)**
- 13. Do you live with eternity in mind? (Answers will vary.)**

