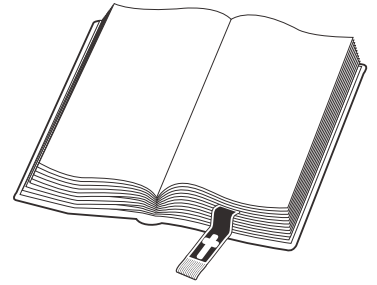


# The Purity of God's Word

*"Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it."*

Psalm 119:140



## Number 4 in the series "The Joy of Obeying God's Word"

Beloved, I thank the Lord for His faithful love and mercy in renewing my mind and giving me a heart that loves the purity of God's Word. Before I became a believer in 1976, I polluted my heart and mind with television, books, movies, and the ways of this world that were far from God's standard of purity. Over the years I have been a believer, I found that the more I seek the purity of the Lord and His Word, the less interest I have for this world. Psalm 19:8 reads, *"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."*

For many years before I became a believer, I often thought of suicide. I felt my life was so full of pain that I had no hope and no reason to live. But I praise the Lord for His AMAZING GRACE! AS I have read and obeyed God's Word, the power of the Holy Spirit has transformed my life. Now my heart rejoices in God's faithfulness. The purity of God's Word has set me free and given me hope. Proverbs 30:5 reads, *"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him."*

I found that as I filled my heart and mind with the purity of God's Word, whenever tests, trials, and temptations from the enemy of my soul come, God's Word is like a shield that protects me from the fiery darts of Satan. Philippians 4:8 has been a great help in my life. It reads, *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if*

*there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."*

As I have obeyed this scripture over the years through many painful situations, I have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit to set me free from bitterness, anger, fear, and many sinful habits. God has been abundantly faithful to me. As I have yielded my will to Him, He has transformed my life. He constantly opens doors for me to teach His Word in churches of all denominations and to speak at retreats, in schools, in prisons, and on military bases. Also, I do a lot of speaking for pro-life ministries and for mission conferences. Over the years, He has taken me to several countries to teach His Word and its transforming power to save, cleanse, deliver, heal, and restore lives.

Beloved, are you reading books, watching television or videos, and involved in activities that are destroying your soul and drawing you away from Jesus? Are you guarding your heart and soul by only reading, watching, and meditating on the pure Word of God and only doing activities that draw you closer to Jesus and that glorify Him? I want to challenge all of us starting with me today to guard our minds, to protect our hearts and our souls with the purity of God's Word. We have a very real enemy who hates the Lord and wants to draw us away. We need to guard our minds.

*— Janice McBride*

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