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### "Politics and the Pure in Heart"

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structive influences.

Jesus said, "Blessed for they shall see God". We've become disenchanted and believe IF there is a "pure in heart" person somewhere who runs for office, he/she could never be elected, OR could never remain pure in heart IF elected.

So, how does our democracy survive if there are no leaders available who are pure in heart? It doesn't! After our fall, defeat by the powers against us, maybe there will be soul searching, repentance, courageous pure-in-heart stalwarts who will rise up and find people willing to trust and follow them. But until then...

So what did Jesus mean by "pure heart"?

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God knows. We don't And Sodom and Go-fearing people could

for awhile.

Do you know someone who

always has a smile on their

face? Wouldn't it be great

to approach the ups and

of Job, a good man who

downs of life with an upbeat

attitude? God tells the story

experienced great suffering.

Despite his troubles, Job

kept worshipping God.

going on in our lives

we can focus on

our Father; with His help we can be

optimistic. Focus on

the positive at your

Friday

Titus

3.1-15

Titus

Saturday

Hebrews

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house of worship this

No matter what is

conviction that Godare the pure in heart, need to know. There is morrah would have been govern themselves. They did, for awhile. And then...

> Reader, thank you for reading this far. I'm guessing you are "pure in heart", by the grace of God in you. You pray each day for your country, the courts, legislature, and white house (governor's mansion). Don't despair! You ARE blessed, and your prayers DO make a difference.

Pure in heart, may we continue to trust God and serve faithfully. May pure of heart people seek office, find acceptance by enough of us to be elected, and find unending support to stand for truth, justice and freedom under God!

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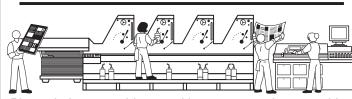
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