

## POLLUTION

What is pollution? What are some different types? What are some recent examples on the large scale? What are some of its effects? What causes it? What can be done about it?

Pollution is mentioned in the Bible:

James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Prov 25:26 "Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked." Giving way to the wicked = sin = pollution of the heart

Heart pollution:

Prov 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Psalms 4:4 "In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent."

Psalms 17:3 "Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin."

Romans 1:24 "Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another."

Old life > Cross > New life:

Colossians 3:3 "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

Proverbs 20:9 "Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?"

2 Corinthians 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

1 Corinthians 6:17 "But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Different types: (hands, heart)

Mat 5:17-28, Rom 1:28-30 (prov 26:22), 1 Pet 2; Gal 5:19-21

Sludge article

Effects:

Psalms 66:18 "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;"

Rom 8:13 "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,"

How to clean up and avoid it in the future:

'take captive' 2 cor 10:5

'put to death' col 3:5,6

'dead to sin' rom 6:11

'cut off' mat 5:29-30

'put off' eph 4:22

James 4:8 "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

Rom 12:2 do not conform...

Psalms 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Jealousy

Song 8:6 "Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame."

Fresh Air

Worship, good deeds(opportunities), prayer, time talking with God, bible, learning, fellowship, gifts