

I John Series
"New Life in Christ"
Sermon Application Handout
"The Expressions of an Honest Fellowship"
Text - I John 1:9

Confession

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Daily Readings / Review

Monday – "IF"

Reading – I John 1:9

Growth Step

All that is promised in this verse is contingent upon this small word "if". Simply stop, and write out all of the blessings/results that come from confession of sin. NOW...write out reasons / justifications which we use to not confess. How does the "fruit / results" of "non-confession" and "confession" compare?

Tuesday – Confession

Growth Step

Simply mediate upon the many expressions of confession of sin in the following verses. How often do you hear these sentiments expressed among the Christian landscape today?

Reading – Lev 16:21; 26:40-42; II Sam 12:13; Neh 1:6;9:2; Psa 32:5; 38:18; 66:18; 130:1-3; Prov 28:13; Isa 57:15; Lk 15:21; 18:13; II Cor 7:10-11

Wednesday – God's Character

Growth Step

God's character is the basis for all that we do...even confession. How else can you identify ways in which God's character specifically motivates us to live for Him? How often DO we consider the character of God as the motivation for why we behave and think the way we do?

Reading – Psa 143:1; Lamentations 3:22-24; Heb 10:23; I Jn 2:1; 2:29; 3:7; Rom 3:23-26

Thursday – Forgiveness

Reading – II Chron. 7:14; Psa 130:3-4; Mt 6:14-15 (this affects fellowship, not salvation); Isa 59:1-2; Acts 3:19-20a; Psa 103:12

Growth Step

What prevents us from receiving forgiveness when God makes it so clear that He will forgive the genuine confession of sin? Is there someone that you need to forgive...maybe even yourself? Because God has promised to forgive us, we can receive cleansing.

Friday – Cleansing

Reading – Psa 51:1-2; Jer. 33:8; Ezk 37:23; I Cor 6:9-11; Eph 5:25b-27; Titus 2:11-14; Psa 103:8-13

Growth Step

What good would forgiveness be without cleansing? It is God that cleanses, not us. Stop and praise God for the cleanness and joy He brings to the one who repents.

Saturday – All Unrighteousness

Reading – Prov 28:13; Psa 32:3-5; Psa 90:8; Heb 4:13

Growth Step

Is there anything that God would yet have you to confess to Him and to turn from in your life? He sees all, nothing is hidden ... YET; He desires to forgive and renew, if you will let Him. Also stop and pray for others whom God would put upon your heart regarding their need to be right with God.

Sunday – Our Advocate (I Jn 2:1-2)

Reading – I John 2:1-2

Growth Step

None of these blessings and enablement's would be possible without the work of Christ on our behalf. Honor Him with highest praise today! If you need this work of cleansing today, come before Him in humbleness ... Heb 4:16.

Finally

What would you share with others regarding what God has taught you from these verses in I John?
