

THE HOUSECLEANING CHOICE

The Choices that Change Us: Part 4

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“Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8, NKJV)

Housecleaning Choice:	I openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.
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“If we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong...” (1 John 1:9, The Living Bible)

HOW TO COME C.L.E.A.N.

CONFESS it to address it.

“When you are guilty, immediately confess the sin that you’ve committed” (Leviticus 5:5, The Message)

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13, NLT)

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16a, NLT)

Lease it AT THE CROSS.

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8, NLT)

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.” (Galatians 5:24, NLT)

“And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin.” (Romans 6:6, GNB)

Examine the PATTERNS AND PITFALLS of my sin.

“Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.” (Proverbs 4:26, NIV)

“The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.” (Proverbs 14:15, NIV)

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.” (1 Corinthians 10:13, NLT)

Align my LIVING with His FORGIVING.

“Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed.” (1 Peter 2:24, GNB)

“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.” (Matthew 3:8, NLT)

“I preached...that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.” (Acts 26:20, NLT)

Never doubt God’s FULL FORGIVENESS.

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” (John 5:24, NLT)

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,” (John 10:27–28, NLT)

I can lose FELLOWSHIP but not my RELATIONSHIP.

“He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” (Psalm 103:12, NLT)

“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.” (Isaiah 43:25, NLT)

**ACTION STEP:
THE CROSS & COMMUNION**