



Address the Mess – Part 3 – Avoiding the Mess
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10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” **11** “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. **Go and sin no more.**” – John 8:10-11

AVOIDING THE MESS

- **Following Jesus isn’t about AVOIDING something but BECOMING someone.**

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:3-6

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **10** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. – Philippians 1:9-10

ABOUNDING IN LOVE

✓ **A love for GOD.**

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
- 1 John 4:16

We love because he first loved us. – 1 John 4:19

✓ **A love for OTHERS.**

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
- 1 John 4:11-12

✓ **A love for MYSELF.**

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. – 1 John 4:18

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 3:13-14