



SEMESTER 4 - WEEK 8

CONFESSION [D1, D2, D3]

Introduction:

Sin:

- Proverbs 6:16-17
- Galatians 5:19-21
- James 4:17

Questions to examine the fruit of your speech: [taken from Paul Tripp, War of Words]

- Do you leave others encouraged, hopeful, and loved?
- Do your words lead to forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace?
- Does your communication impart wisdom and encourage faith?
- Or do your words lead to discouragement, division, condemnation, bitterness, and foolishness?

“Sin, in short, is that vast moral disease which affects the whole human race, of every rank, and class, and name, and nation, and people, and tongue; a disease from which there never was but one born of woman that was free.

Need I say that One was Christ Jesus the Lord? “A sin,” to speak more particularly, consists in doing, saying, thinking, or imagining, anything that is not in perfect conformity with the mind and law of God. “Sin,” in short, as the Scripture saith, is “the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4.) The slightest outward or inward departure from absolute mathematical parallelism with God’s revealed will and character constitutes a sin, and at once makes us guilty in God’s sight.” - J. C. Ryle, Holiness

Speech:

- Proverbs 4:23-24
- Proverbs 10:19
- Proverbs 12:18
- Proverbs 15:1
- Proverbs 18:2, 13
- Proverbs 21:23
- Proverbs 25:11
- Proverbs 26:17-23
- Luke 6:45
- Ephesians 4:20-32
- Colossians 4:6



Confession: how to confess sin

Seven A's of Confession: [taken from Ken Sande, The Peacemaker]

1. Address everyone involved: All those whom I have affected
2. Avoid if, but, and maybe: Do not try to excuse my wrongs
3. Admit specifically: Both attitudes and actions
4. Acknowledge the hurt: Express sorrow for hurting someone
5. Accept the consequences: Such as making restitution
6. Alter my behavior: Change my attitudes and actions
7. Ask for forgiveness: Allow time

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Jer. 17:9 . Learn much of the Lord Jesus. For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ. He is altogether lovely. Such infinite majesty, and yet such meekness and grace, and all for sinners, even the chief! Live much in the smiles of God. Bask in his beams. Feel his all-seeing eye settled on you in love, and repose in his almighty arms. Let your soul be filled with a heart-ravishing sense of the sweetness and excellency of Christ and all that is in Him. Let the Holy Spirit fill every chamber of your heart; and so there will be no room for folly, or the world, or Satan, or the flesh”.

- Rev. Robert Murray McCheyne



MINISTRY PASSAGES

DISCIPLINE 1,2,3 [THE HEART, HOME, MINISTRY]

Proverbs 28:13

13 *Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

Matthew 5:23-24

23 *Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,*
24 *leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.*

Romans 12:18

18 *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Ephesians 4:29

29 *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

I John 1:9

9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*



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QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. What was helpful in this lesson?

2. Do you have any questions?

3. What changes would you like to make in light of this lesson?

