

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9 NASB95



Three Kinds of
CONFESSION



Secret: *Go to God*

¹³ He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.

¹⁴ How blessed is the man who fears always,
But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Proverbs 28:13-14 NASB95

Secret: *Go to God*

Is it unhealthy for us?

Matthew 6:12

Do we hide it from ourselves?

Psalms 32:3-4



Secret: *Go to God*

Confession can be general or specific, but never a mere formality

Confession is total humility, not just listing our known sins



Secret: *Go to God*

¹² Who can discern *his* errors? Acquit me of hidden *faults*.

Psalm 19:12 NASB95

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 139:23-24 NASB95



Private: *Go to Another*

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:16 NASB95





Private: *Go to Another*

When you need their forgiveness

James 5:16

Matthew 5:23-24

When you need their help

Galatians 6:1-2



Private: *Go to Another*

We need humility to be approachable

We need trust to approach others

We need the ability to forgive endlessly



Private: *Go to Another*

³ Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

Luke 17:3-4 NASB95

Public: *Go to the Church*

Some sins affect the entire community

Joshua 7

Acts 5:1-11

1 Corinthians 5



Public: *Go to the Church*

¹⁵ “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:15-18 NASB95



Public: *Go to the Church*

¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. ¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 NASB95



Public: *Go to the Church*

Our response – 2 Corinthians 2:6-8

Forgive

Comfort

Reaffirm your love





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