

**LifeApps: "Confession is Everything"**  
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**JESUS said:** *Therefore everyone who **hears these words** of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* Matthew 7:25

**JAMES said:** <sup>22</sup> *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* James 1:22

**PAUL said:** <sup>7</sup> *...**train yourself to be godly.*** <sup>8</sup> *For physical training is of some value, but **godliness** has **value for all things**, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:7-8

**Godliness.** a proper response to the things of God, which produces obedience and righteous living. Greek word translated "godliness" in the New Testament means "pious" or "holy".

#### **JUDICIAL & RELATIONAL FORGIVENESS GIVEN AT CONFESSION**

• **Judicial Forgiveness Received past/present/future Confession of Sin.** <sup>7</sup> *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,* Ephesians 1:7-8

**Confession:** *to agree with*

<sup>4</sup> *Against you, you only, **have I sinned** and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.* <sup>10</sup> *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* Psalm 54:4, 10

*So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.* John 19:30

• **Relational Forgiveness Received by Confession Individually. Privately.** *If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* 1 John 1:9

• **Relational Forgiveness Received by Confession As A Group. Publically.** *They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in **confession** and in worshiping the LORD their God.* Nehemiah 9:3

*The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. **Confessing** their sins, they were baptized by him (John) in the Jordan River.* Mark 1:5

**(See also Acts 19:18-20)**

• **Relational Confession of Sin to One Another Leads to Healing.** *Therefore **confess** your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.* James 5:16

**Key:** Hidden sin grows. Confessed sin withers.

• Healing from **Guilt** and Shame.  
<sup>3</sup> *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.* <sup>4</sup> *For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.* <sup>5</sup> *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will **confess** my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.* Psalm 32:3-5

• Genuine **Confession** leads to Genuine Life Change!  
*But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.* Luke 19:8