

Connecting with God

Prayer of Cleansing

Matthew 6:12

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Matthew 6 ¹² *Forgive us our sins (debts, transgressions, trespasses). (NIV)*

1 John ⁹ *If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (NLT)*

HOW CAN YOU BE CLEANSED?

1. Review your life on a **DAILY BASIS**.

Lamentations 3 ⁴⁰ *Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD. (NLT)*

Psalms 139 ²³ *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you... (NLT)*

2. Repent of **EVERY SIN**.

Lamentations 3 ⁴¹ *Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven and say, ⁴² "We have sinned and rebelled..." (NLT)*

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

3. **MAKE AMENDS** if necessary.

Luke 19 ⁸ *"If I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house." (NIV)*

Matthew 5 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... (NIV)*

4. Receive **GOD'S FORGIVENESS**.

Hebrews 4 ¹⁶ *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. (NLT)*

5. **TALK** to a friend (accountability).

James 5 ¹⁶ *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (NLT)*

6. **REPEAT**.

Hebrews 10 ²² *Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* ²³ *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (NLT)*

Final Thought:

Holding on to unconfessed sin **HINDERS US** from who God wants us to be.