

# a higher LOVE

**Admits Mistakes to Others**

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*"...clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:13-14 NLT

## **WHY ADMIT MY MISTAKES TO OTHERS? UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS...**

- **CONSUME LARGE AMOUNTS OF** \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:25-26

- **LEAD TO EMOTIONAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*"When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat."*

Psalms 32:3-4 NLT

- **HURT** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it..."* 1 Corinthians 12:26 NLT

*"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His Word has no place in our hearts."*

1 John 1:8-10 NLT

## **I ADMIT MISTAKES AND RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS WHEN I...**

- **RECOGNIZE REPENTANCE IS** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death."*

2 Corinthians 7:10 NLT

• **SEE THINGS** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it."*

PROVERBS 11:27 NIV

**AM I STRUGGLING WITH...**

→ Using my words as a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

→ \_\_\_\_\_ others?

→ \_\_\_\_\_ my word?

→ \_\_\_\_\_ ?

→ Not living by Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
(Matthey 7:12)

→ \_\_\_\_\_ or wanting  
\_\_\_\_\_ too much?

• **MAKE A** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy."*

PROVERBS 28:13 NLT

**SEVEN A'S TO A GOOD CONFESSION:**

→ A \_\_\_\_\_ involved

→ A \_\_\_\_\_

□ Perhaps I was wrong.

□ Maybe I could have tried harder.

□ Possibly I should have waited to hear your side of the story.

→ A \_\_\_\_\_ specifically

→ A \_\_\_\_\_ the hurt

→ A \_\_\_\_\_

→ A \_\_\_\_\_

→ A \_\_\_\_\_

• **CONTINUE WORKING WITH** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. ... Keep putting into practice ... everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you."*

PHILIPPIANS 1:6; 4:9 NLT