

Week 2 - Dealing with Sins

Monday

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 2:20-21

“Therefore since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

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In the previous chapter we received a very important vision: the Potter is our God, the Potter's house is the church and we are vessels in the Potter's house that God is working on. Thanks to this vision we can realize that God is working on us in all of our circumstances and that He is working continually in each one of His children to make each one a useful vessel in His house.

Our God is so practical that He presents Himself as a potter. This means that all the revelations we receive are also practical and are to be applied in our living. Let us consider our life. What has God been able to do in us? What kind of vessel are we? Are we a submissive vessel that is easily molded, or a hardened vessel that will not give in? God's intention is to work Himself into His vessels and restore them so that they will be useful. Some people say they are in the "Lord's recovery," but I would ask: has your life been recovered? What has God been able to recover in you? God wants to work in us every day in every way, but do we allow Him to do this? Does He often have to say, "How difficult it is to form such a hard vessel as this?" However, we know that when we are filled with living water we are compliant and the Potter is happy because He is able to conform us a little more to the image of His Son.

God is working in us and He has put all of His heart into this work. How dedicated the Lord is! If we were the potter, surely we would have stopped working on the hard vessels. We would have even thrown some of them into the garbage. The fact that we are still here today shows that God is a Potter filled with mercy, who does not easily give up working on His vessels. It is true that we are still a little hard, but when He sees us He says, "I am going to put a little bit of water on them and make them submissive. We can only praise the Lord for His mercy on us.

When we see the young people in the world being deceived, overcome and used as vessels in Satan's hands, we are aware that we need to be part of the young generation that remains in God's hands to be molded by Him. If someone comes to us and asks us what the Lord's recovery is, we can answer definitely and boldly that we are being recovered by the Lord. Formerly we were vessels being used and destroyed by Satan, but God has bound the strong man, plundered his house, and freed us from the authority of darkness. Now we are in the hands of the Potter and are being recovered day by day.

Romans chapter nine mentions vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy. In spite of the fact that we are not better than anyone else, we know that God's mercy has reached us. We might have continued to be vessels of wrath in the house of the strong man, but God had compassion on us and today we are vessels of mercy in the house of the Potter. What a difference! We are being worked on by God and His word is continually giving us life. We have no right to be proud. To be a vessel of wrath fitted for destruction or a vessel of mercy prepared unto glory does not depend on us; it depends entirely on God's mercy.

In 2 Timothy 2:20 we find other kinds vessels: vessels unto honor and vessels unto dishonor. We might think, "Good, in this great house I was destined to be a vessel unto honor." However, this is not what is says in verse 21. Verse 21 says, "If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work." Perhaps today we are not in a condition of being a vessel unto honor, but there is still a way. The way is to cleanse ourselves from our mistakes. In the first place, we need to identify our mistakes in order to deal with them. The more mistakes we deal with, the more God's life will grow in us and the more useful we will be to the Lord. The most obvious reason for the mistakes we make are the sins we commit. Therefore, we need to know how to deal with them.

Key Point:

Vessels of mercy

Your Key Point:

Question:

What do we need to do to become vessels unto honor?

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Scripture Reading: Matt. 5:23-26; 1 John 1:5-9; 2 Tim. 2:22

“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.... But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.” (*1 John 1:5b, 7*)

How to Deal with Sins

Since the way to become vessels unto honor is to deal with our sins, we must find out as quickly as possible what they are. For this, the only way that is really effective is to have fellowship with God through His word.

In Matthew 5:23-24 we read, "Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and first go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." To go to the altar and offer a gift to God means to have fellowship with God. It is as we have fellowship with God that we become conscious of our offenses and remember the sins we have committed. From then on we only need to correct the situation.

We also find a passage in First John that tells us that in fellowship with God, in His light, we see our sins and can confess them in order to be forgiven (vv. 5-9). God's light exposes what is within us and we thereby become conscious that we have offended God. In His light we see the sins which have offended Him. When we regret our wrongdoing and we confess it to the Lord; then the blood of Jesus cleanses us and we receive God's forgiveness.

Fellowship with God

If we want to be a vessel unto honor in God's house, it is fundamental that we seek His presence. Only in the light of God's presence can we see our true condition, both in relation to God and to others. God is the One who sets the standard of what is right and what is wrong, what offends Him and also what offends others. We cannot define this standard; it is defined and decided by the very Lord of the universe. For this reason, we should learn to live in fellowship with God. Many times we speak and do things in a loose way, yet we feel we are all right. However, when we seek God's presence, His light enlightens us inwardly and we do not feel as well as we did before. Little by little the Lord causes us to remember certain words and offenses; then we repent, confess and ask for forgiveness. This causes our condition to change from one of dishonor to one of honor.

If we will consider a little, we can easily realize that we cannot depend on the standards established by society. The things that were considered to be immoral and shameful ten years ago, today are approved and thought to be very natural. Is this a sign of the times? Who changed: God or man? God does not change; He remains eternally unchanging. However, man does change. We cannot ignore the fact that, without God and under Satan's control, human society has had to change. Not too long ago we would avoid the worst student or the worst things as bad company, but today, to be "good" is abnormal. We used to say that among many people there was always one black sheep. Today it is rare to find any white sheep.

We cannot depend on our own standards either because they are subject to change. By living in an environment full of problems and inconsistencies, our eyes, our feelings and our thoughts become altered. Outward things gradually influence our inner being, then suddenly we are surprised and say, "But if everyone is doing it, why can't I do it?" This uncertainty seems to be logical, right? This only confirms the fact that we are easily influenced. We should not think that we are so strong and capable of withstanding any kind of influence.

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Our ability to resist the pressures of the world is very limited. We can resist up to a certain point, but eventually, in the end, we will give in. For this reason, we should not be surprised by what the apostle Paul said to Timothy, to flee youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22).

We need to have fellowship with God. When we are in God's presence we are spontaneously enlightened. To be enlightened by God is different from trying to guess or remember what sins we have committed. We live in a dark world where people live in darkness. The only solution for this darkness is light. First John 1:5b describes it very well: "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Behold the secret: we must live in the light; we must live in fellowship with God. Whether we will be cleansed or not is directly related to how much fellowship we have with God.

There is a question we should ask ourselves and answer honestly: "How has our fellowship with God been?" Many times we speak about how helpful and sweet fellowship is, but we actually have very little fellowship. Even though we are in the Lord's recovery, if our living is not in fellowship with God, it will be difficult for us to be recovered. We can hear and read many spiritual words, but if we are not intimate with the Lord, there will be little profit because we will remain the same within. Only God's light can enlighten our inner being so that we are able to confess our sins and the darkness in us can then be eliminated. This is how the recovery is carried out in us.

Key Point:

Follow

Your Key Point:

Question:

What price is the Lord asking you to pay to go on with Him another step?

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Wednesday

Scripture Reading: Rom. 2:15

“If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)

How Can We Have Fellowship with God?

We are stressing the importance of having fellowship with God, but what does it actually mean to have fellowship? Fellowship is speaking to God and listening to Him attentively and sincerely.

Many of us have the habit of seeking the Lord's presence in the morning and at night. We say, "Thank You, Lord, for another day. Forgive my sins; keep me from evil. Have mercy on me and protect me." And we claim that we have fellowship with God. In a time of genuine fellowship the Lord is sure to ask us: "What sins do you want Me to forgive?" We may answer, "Well...what have I done wrong today? I don't remember..." Our God is always ready to forgive whenever we confess our sins. In contrast, there is the story of the naughty boy who broke a flower vase in the morning and, as punishment, he was forbidden to eat dessert at suppertime. He did not worry about it and continued doing mischievous things all day. When it was time for supper he said to his mother, "Mom, forgive me." "Why should I forgive you?," the mother asked. He answered, "I won't hit my little sister anymore. Can I have my ice cream now?"

Once, a brother came to speak to me and said, "Brother, it seems so difficult to ask forgiveness for my sins. How can I know if what I did offended God?" Then I suggested to him, "Let's do the following: tell me all that you did today and be really detailed." After the brother finished I asked him if he had hidden anything. He said that he had. I said to him, "Then don't hide from God what you didn't tell me." Whenever we tell people things, there are always some things we don't mention because we are ashamed to expose them and we don't want anyone to know. We can hide things from people, but we can't hide anything from God. Our problem is that because we are ashamed and afraid, we don't even tell God what we did and this causes us to withdraw from Him even more.

When we have fellowship with God, His light shines on us and shows us our situation. Then, our conscience either accuses or excuses us (Rom. 2:15). In the light of God's presence our conscience will be enlightened and it will justify us, that is, it will defend us, if we have done what is right; however, it will accuse and condemn our unrighteous actions. The more fellowship we have with God, the more sensitive our conscience will be, and the less fellowship we have, the less sensitive it will be. If we do not have fellowship with God, our conscience will be hard and have no feeling. When this is the case, it is common to hear people say, "I know I am wrong, but I had peace when I did it." This kind of peace comes from a seared conscience.

We need to have more fellowship with God so that our conscience will be strengthened. Why do we insist so much on the matter of exercising our spirit by calling on the Lord? It is precisely so that we will have fellowship with God. Since our fellowship and our conscience are parts of our spirit, the more fellowship we have with the Lord, the stronger our conscience will be. In this way, through fellowship, God's light exposes us, our conscience is enlightened and made sensitive, and we are enabled to confess our sins and be cleaned of our wrongdoings.

Key Point:

Fellowship

Your Key Point:

Question:

Try to give a clear concise answer to the question, “How can we have fellowship with God?”

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Thursday

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 1:19

“...our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 Tim. 1:19)

Difficulties in Having Fellowship with God

Some young people (but not only young people) say that they have some difficulties related to having fellowship with God. Many want to have a life of fellowship with God but it seems they do not know what to fellowship about. Sometimes we hear, "You know, I seek God and want to have fellowship with Him, but after a few words, I don't know what else to say." This kind of problem is very common and to resolve it we must firstly know what it means to have fellowship with God. To have fellowship with God it to have a dialogue with Him. We say something to the Lord and then we listen to what He has to say to us. You may ask, "How can God speak to me?" God speaks to us through His word, either the written word, the word ministered in the meetings, or through individual fellowship. If we read the Bible with prayer, even though we only read a few verses, we need to see that what is written there is what God wants to speak to us at that moment. Then what we are reading will be the subject matter for us to speak to God. If we take care to read the Bible with prayer, this will produce much fellowship with God. Have you ever felt how uncomfortable it is to be next to a person you do not know well? Both of you remain silent and then suddenly someone says something and the other responds. Neither of you has anything to say, you just express yourselves with a few words. "I agree...yes Sir...".

We cannot say that we do not have anything to talk about with God. God wants to talk to you, but you, do you want to listen to Him? If you do not know how to start to fellowship with God, open your Bible and read. To read the Bible is like reading a letter God has sent to you. When you read the Bible you will find many interesting subjects with which to have fellowship with God. Without reading the Bible and without listening attentively to what is spoken in the church meetings, it is difficult to have a topic with which to speak to God. God spoke, but you did not listen; God wrote, but you did not read. So we fall into a situation similar to that of the children of Israel at the time of the prophet Jeremiah. They did not listen to the Lord, rather they became insensitive and they departed from Him. As a result, they were carried away as captives to Babylon.

The Importance of Dealing with Sins

Of all the difficulties that exist in dealing with sins, the worst is when a young Christian does not have fellowship with God. Without fellowship with God, our conscience becomes numb. If we have no feeling regarding what God is saying to us, we cannot deal with our sins. If we do not bring our situation before God, eventually we also will be taken away as "captives," far away from God. If we do not have fellowship with God, our conscience will be like a boat filled with holes and we will gradually become shipwrecked regarding the faith (1 Tim. 1:19): the spiritual things will leak away; our spiritual life and service will become abnormal; we will be filled with accusations; we will not have a strong spirit; we will not be able to be with the other saints; we will be held back. If something does not happen to change the situation, we will certainly become shipwrecked.

So I ask you, "Do you want to fill up the holes and repair the boat?" For this, you need to recover your daily fellowship with God. Draw near to God and allow Him to enlighten you. Do not rely on your own standards to justify yourself, or seek the standards of the world for your support. Seek God's standard. In this way, in fellowship with God and under His enlightening, if a sin is exposed and you deal with it immediately, the result will be life and peace. You will have spiritual satisfaction, strength, freshness and service in your life. You will experience enjoyment, rest and security. Your spirit will be strong, your prayers will flow freely and with authority, and your speaking will be bold and powerful.

Key Point:

God's speaking

Your Key Point:

Question:

How can we practically enter into real fellowship with God?

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Scripture Reading: Prov. 28:13; Psa. 19:12

“He who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” (*Proverbs 28:13*)

The Importance of Dealing with Sins

In one young people's conference we saw that the young people only received help when they brought out what was hidden inside them. Then, without anything artificial and without the "cloak" of being spiritual, which is common among young Christians that are not in fellowship with the Lord, they exposed their real situation. They confessed that they were not reading the Bible, that they only prayed at night or only when they remembered. Because they opened themselves so much to the Lord, they had a very positive reaction toward God. They said, "Lord, I want to change. I don't want to wear a disguise of spirituality or live an artificial life. Lord, I want my life to be recovered." Actually, all the children of God who want to have a genuine Christian living need to have the same mind: we always need to "converse" with our heavenly Father, opening our heart to Him and listening to His speaking.

In this matter of dealing with our sins, the most important thing is to intensify our fellowship with God. Through fellowship we are able to identify the sins we commit related to God and man. The second step is to confess and forsake the abnormal situation that God shows us. Proverbs 28:13 says, "He who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." If we cover our sins we may struggle and strive, but we will never prosper. However, if we confess them, we will obtain mercy. Therefore, in order to deal with our sins, the first point is to have fellowship with God, the second is to confess the sins that have been exposed in fellowship, and the third is to forsake them. It is not merely a matter of asking God to forgive you for doing something you didn't know you did, but to confess what you saw in the light of God's presence in order to receive His forgiveness and cleansing. You are conscious that God has enlightened you. This is different from simply saying, "Lord, forgive all my sins." Forgive what? First John 1:9 shows us clearly that confession is the condition for us to receive cleansing.

There are also some sins which we do not become conscious of through our fellowship with God, but rather through reading the word, having fellowship with other saints, or through the testimony of someone confessing, who has sinned in a similar way. Although these situations are not sufficient reason to deal with our sins (it may be that we do not feel uncomfortable in our fellowship with God nor do we lack peace), even so, it is good to go before God and confess: "Lord, I heard the testimony of that brother. He confessed that he sinned in that situation and I did the same thing, but I don't feel I have sinned. Lord Jesus, is it because I didn't realize I was sinning because my conscience is seared? Lord, I want You to show me. If I sinned, Lord, I ask You to forgive me." What we see as being sin, while in fellowship with God, this we confess in order to receive His forgiveness. The sins we commit, which we have become conscious of through other means, we also bring before God in order to see if we have really sinned or if we have been insensitive to the enlightening of our conscience.

Psalm 19:12 says, "Who can discern his errors? Clear me of my secret faults." In this psalm we see that there are sins which are hidden. They are sins that we cannot see in our fellowship with God and about which we have not been told through the Bible or through fellowship with other saints. We should ask God's forgiveness for the things that we have not realized as being wrong. We should not make this an obligation. Rather, as the psalmist felt when he expressed in his prayer that he was conscious that, because he was human, he made mistakes without knowing it, we can pray, "Lord, forgive me for the faults that are still hidden from

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me."

Whenever we confess our sins, dealing with the impurities within us, God has to make us vessels of honor, sanctified and useful in His hands. Through the blood of Jesus His Son, He cleanses us of all our sins and satisfies the demands of God's righteousness. First John tells us that whenever we confess our sins "He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Because He is faithful and righteous, when we confess our sins, God has to forgive us. Many times we do not have confidence in this statement because we do not know the value God places on the blood of Jesus His Son. The blood of Jesus satisfies the demands of God's righteousness. To God, the blood of His Son is sufficient; we only need to confess!

We can all be vessels unto honor! All we need to do is deal with the mistakes we make. If we sin against God, and others are not aware of it, we simply confess it to Him. If we did something against a brother and he knows it, in addition to confessing to God, we must go to the brother and confess to him. This deals with the barrier between us. If we sin by offending all the saints and they are all conscious of what we did, that is, if our sin was exposed publicly, then the principle is the same: we must confess to God and we must also confess publicly to all the saints who were involved. The important thing is to deal with our sins and be cleansed from our errors because then we will become vessels of honor.

Key Point:

Confess

Your Key Point:

Question:

To whom should we confess in what situations?

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Saturday

Scripture Reading: Rev. 12:10-11; Jer. 3:12

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.” (*Revelation 12:11*)

The Three-fold Efficacy of the Blood of Jesus

When a Christian sins three problems affect him: separation from God (Psa. 59:1-2); the feeling of guilt (Heb. 9:14) and Satan's accusation (Zech. 3:1). However, these problems can be overcome by the blood of Christ.

After Adam sinned, he tried to hide from God. When God came to look for him, He did not ask, "Adam, what did you do?," rather He asked, "Adam, where are you?," indicating that man had gone away from God. This is what happens to us when we sin. We feel that we are separated from God and our fellowship with Him is interrupted. Nevertheless, after we confess, the blood of Jesus takes away the hindrance that interrupted our fellowship with God and we have peace with Him again.

After we have confessed our sin, the blood of Jesus also cleanses the feeling of guilt in our conscience. When we are about to sin, our conscience warns us, "Don't do it!" When we sin, it is recorded in our conscience. Our conscience will say, "You were wrong!" But after we confess our sin, God forgives us and our conscience says, "Now there is no more guilt, the record has been wiped away." Today, the big stores can tell right away through their computer data if a check they have received has problems or if a credit card has an outstanding debt or has expired. Whenever there is a problem, the store's computer will detect it. But once the problem has been taken care of, the record of it is deleted and the client is again able to do his shopping. The same thing happens with our conscience. Every mistake that is committed is recorded in our conscience and it can only be taken away by the blood of Jesus. Not time, or rituals, or promises of being better, or many activities, or penance can erase sins. Every time you sin and feel guilty inwardly, open your heart to God and pray with all sincerity, "Lord Jesus, You know that I did this today. Forgive me for what I did. Lord, You died on the cross; You shed Your blood for me. Lord, forgive my sins. I ask that Your precious blood cleanse my conscience from all the feeling of guilt so that I may serve You freely."

When we sin, we are also subject to Satan's accusation. Firstly Satan provokes us, saying, "Do this...there's no problem...nobody will know about it." Once we fall into his trap, he accuses us, "Look what you did!...How could you do it?...nothing can be done for you." He also accuses us before God, "God, look at what he did..." Revelation 12:10 says that Satan is the accuser of our brothers and he accuses us day and night before our God. How can we overcome him? Verse 11 shows us that the way to overcome him is by the blood of the Lamb, the blood of Christ. Not only God recognizes the value of the blood, but also Satan. Satan loses his power before the blood.

Even though the blood of Jesus satisfies God's righteousness, takes away the guilt in our conscience, and overcomes all the accusations of Satan, many children of God feel they are being accused after they have confessed several times and this becomes a big problem in their experience. Satan tells a person that, even though he has asked for God's forgiveness, he may have not done it adequately, or he should have confessed in a more detailed way, or that he was not sincere enough. Satan is very subtle and even if the person confesses again, he will still have more reasons to accuse him. The result is that the children of God feel frustrated and powerless to confront such accusations. They lose confidence in the efficacy of the blood of Christ and think their sins are unforgivable.

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How can we overcome when Satan's accusations come against us? Revelation 12:11 tells us that besides the blood, Satan is also defeated by the word of our testimony. We have to tell him, "Satan, God has enlightened me, I have already asked for forgiveness and I have already confessed my sin. So Satan, you can shut your mouth and get out of here. I do not need your accusations. Look at the blood of Christ. The blood answers all of your accusations. Go away!"

The Difference between God's Enlightening in our Conscience and Satan's Accusations

There are some things that help us to discern what comes from God's enlightening and what is Satan's accusation. Our situation is exposed when we are enlightened by God's light, but, at the same time, we feel supplied. We see our mistakes, but we also see God's love, grace and mercy. After He shows us our errors, God says, "Yet return to Me!" (Jer. 3:1). When the book of Jeremiah was written, the people of Israel were in a terrible situation. Nevertheless, God continually said to the people, "Return to Me!" (Jer. 3:1, 12, 22; 4:1). These loving words indicate that God always gives us a way to come back and have a new beginning. As a result, you want to untangle yourself from that sin immediately and not fall into it again. You are encouraged, you apply the blood of Jesus and live more in His presence.

On the other hand, Satan's accusations are always negative, telling us that there is no longer any way or any remedy for us and it is better to give up. For this reason, the father of lies also says, "Even though you want to return to God, He doesn't want you." The more you listen to his accusations, the less you want to pray. You feel you are the worst. You feel empty and discouraged. Do you see the difference? There is another way to distinguish Satan's accusations from God's enlightening. Satan's accusations continue after you thoroughly confess your sins, but God says, "Very good, you have the blood of Jesus." When we confess, the record of our sins is wiped away. Then we know that if there is more accusation, it can only come from Satan.

Key Point:

Overcoming Satan

Your Key Point:

Question:

How can we discern what comes from God's enlightening and what is Satan's accusation?

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Sunday

Scripture Reading: Eph. 5:26; 2 Tim. 2:21

“If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:21)

Fellowship with God Results in Cleansing

All of the foregoing shows us how much we need to have fellowship with God. To deal with sins is not an order; rather it is a consequence of having fellowship with God. If we love the Lord and seek to have more fellowship with Him, we will spontaneously be enlightened. If we read His word more, we will see what our real situation is. Many have been delivered from doing rash or shameful things simply because they decided to go to a church meeting first. After they heard the word of God they were greatly enlightened and decided, "Oh, I should not do that. I won't do it. Thank the Lord." The more fellowship we have with God and seek His word, the more we will be purified from our faults and become more useful in God's hands.

God knows what our condition is, therefore He provides us with all that we need to live a life that is not separated from Him: we have His divine life within us; we have fellowship with Him; we have His word and the precious blood of Christ. The only thing we need to do is to turn to Him, come to His word and know what is on His heart. If we allow His light and His word to infuse us, discerning the thoughts and intentions of our heart, we will confess all the shameful and negative things that are within us and the Lord will eliminate them. If we do this every day, our life will truly be recovered.

Ephesians 5:26 says that Christ is preparing His bride by washing her with the water in the word to take away her oldness, death and spots. This is the recovery that the Lord is working out within us. Every day we can be washed and softened by the "living water" in the word of God. This shows us that to deal with sins is not a matter of doing penance or making promises: "From now on I will not do that." God knows our weaknesses. What we should do is repent and confess what He shows to us. God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

As far as we are concerned, all we have to do is to prepare ourselves: "If anyone therefore cleanses himself from these" (2 Tim. 2:21). God wants to use us but He depends on us wanting to be cleansed. Hallelujah! This way is open for all of us. We should not think that we are the worst and there is no hope for us. Will those who think they are "good" and think they do not need to be purified of anything allow their thoughts to be exposed before others? If we had a machine that could read and express all our thoughts, would those who are "good" submit to its use? Who is not ashamed of having made mistakes? We should not be deceived; no one is "good."

God does not want us to hide the shameful things, but He also does not want to expose them before others. God wants to cleanse us. Today there are devices that erase what is recorded on a tape, but for our "tape" to be erased, we need to want it and be willing to put our "tape into the machine." Saints, let us erase the mistakes we have committed. Let us get rid of them while there is time. The Lord needs a "machine" that can erase all the records of our sins. If we place ourselves before Him and allow Him to purify us, we will be free to serve Him.

We have received mercy and now we want to go on. There is a way! Let us seek the Lord, turn to Him and have fellowship with Him daily. Let us also confess to Him everything His light shows us. Let us intensify this fellowship with Bible reading. Through the word we will receive more discernment of what pleases God and what offends Him. Our hard heart will become submissive and God will be able to work on us more easily. In this way we will have a recovery in our life every day. Then, "if anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work" (2 Tim. 2:21). Hallelujah! We can be vessels unto honor in God's house.

Key Point:

Cleansing

Your Key Point:

Question:

What has God provided for us to go on with Him?