

Weakness

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I have a belief that people would rather show you their perceived strengths than reveal to you their perceived weaknesses. From experience I think we would like the world to see us in what we think is our best light. For reasons that only we know, we want to keep our shortcomings hidden, hopefully to never see the light of day. Some of us have become expert at tricking ourselves into believing that what we show the world and others is our true self and not the one we confront each night when we are by ourselves.

The longer we hide who we are in public, the more difficulty we have understanding and then dealing with who we really are alone with just us. Some might call this convenient denial. That might be okay as you navigate the pitfalls of this world but it doesn't work when the denial is of a spiritual nature.

The problem with spiritual denial is it just can't be done; been there done that. You cannot deny your own sinfulness. Sin is something you cannot hide from, particularly when it's your own. There is no rationalization for the exclusion of God in your life, especially when you know better. Regardless of how much you want to show the world your high moral standards or high spiritual standing, when it comes right down to you and God only the truth counts. If getting your life in order, bringing some balance to your existence is the goal, then you must first recognize the futility of trying to depict yourself to others as being somewhat sinless. But again, it's really how you present yourself to the Lord that counts, right? After all, when the lights go out and it's just you, are you truly alone? Maybe that's why some people need to have anything but solitude as a companion so they don't have to face themselves and realize God is always there. It cannot be a comfortable feeling to know wherever you go God is there also. You can't hide, so why run? Whatever you did, He knows. Whoever you are, He knows that too.

So now you understand why it's important to lead with your weaknesses when it comes to God. One, He knows them anyway and two, He welcomes them. It's part of His nature. I think we're

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supposed to bring Him our sins. Confess them. Acknowledge them. From this God says He can work with you. Empty your closet. Recognize the dirt. Then bring it to His house and watch Him clean it and you up. He's the only one who can and by His nature accepts you as you are in an effort to help you become who He made He created you to be. As a matter of fact, I'm told that's all He's really interested in. Christ is proof that all that crap that you've been hiding from is the stuff saints are made of. "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13. You see that confession thing allows God to enter into the picture. He shows up. That renounces thing allows Him to show out. Confession is an otherwise declaration that you need God's help. This declaration comes from that place deep inside you that you once mistakenly believed you could alter, perhaps even control. Once you accept who is really in control, then you can become the example you were meant to be. Your testimony speaks to your salvation. God has forgiven and saved me. Look at me and learn. Examine me and see Him. I am who I am in the sight of God, blessed and highly favored. If I can be, you can be too.

May God bless and keep you always.