



## *Lessons for Life*

### **THE HOUSECLEANING CHOICE**

**It's Your Choice – 4**

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**Choice 1: The Reality Choice – I can't**

**Choice 2: The Hope Choice – God can**

**Choice 3: The Commitment Choice – Let go and let  
God**

**Choice 4: The Housecleaning Choice: I openly examine  
and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to  
someone I trust.**

*"Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God."*  
Matthew 5:8 (GNB)

*"I have come in order that you might have life—life  
in all its fullness."* John 10:10 (GNB)

- Jesus doesn't ask me to be **RELIGIOUS**, He asks me to be **REAL**.

*"Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth!' And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'" John 11:43-44 (NKJV)*

*"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)*

- Realize you cannot make your own heart pure...
- Good **BEHAVIOR** does Not make a heart pure,  
However, a pure heart changes your **BEHAVIOR**
- A pure heart does not come from how good you have been, but how **GOOD** God is.

*"You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and you know all about me."  
Psalm 139:1 (CEV)*

*"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 (NIV)*

*"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." Lamentations 3:40 (KJV)*

- **Why the search?**

I understand the fullness of God's GRACE when I understand how messed up I really am.

My sin is forgiven, but there are still

things that need to be TAKEN AWAY

*"Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Philippians 2:12-13(NLT)*

- **It's never too late.**

*"Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone." Psalm 32:5 (NLT)*

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16 (NIV)*

## **Remember His KINDNESS**

*"God's kindness leads you toward repentance." Romans 2:4 (NIV)*

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 (NIV)*

*"God has shown us how much he loves us---it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!" Romans 5:8 (GNT)*

**Remember His FAITHFULNESS**

*"I'm convinced that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it through to completion on the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (GW)*

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)*

*"I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 (GNT)*

**Remember His PROMISES**

*"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 (NIV)*

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)*

*"For it is Christ who is the 'Yes' to all of God's promises." 2 Corinthians 1:20 (GNT)*