

Teen Messengers
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The Joy of Confession

Summer camp is cancelled-----April Fools!

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the gift of confession. Cleansing the soul, clearing the mind and restoring a sickened spirit. What a wonderful, priceless gift God has given us through Jesus.

A-Adoration

C-Confession

T-Thanksgiving

S-Supplication

Recognizing your sin, confessing your sin and turning away from your sin...it is a blessed journey.

Luke 15:11-27

What is confession? Showing God, telling God that you agree with him. Confession is an agreeing with God -God already knows! Guilt, sadness, anguish and despair are present when you have knowingly sinned against God and have not yet come to him in confession. Confession is the balm that soothes a searing wound.

Sin separates us from God. Sin ruins, sin hurts, sin destroys, sin tears down. Sins ugly cousin is the lie. Lying often accompanies sin.

A life of sin without confession and repentance is a life marked by pain, sadness and despair. 1John 1:9

Steps:

1. God, here is what you command of me in your Word
2. God, here is what I did in violation of your command.
3. I confess I was wrong and I'm sorry for disobeying.
4. I am done with this sin, I am turning away to follow and obey you.

Maybe God won't find out?? Hebrews 4:12-13

Guilt will haunt you! Genesis 3:8

One of God's greatest gifts to man is the conscience. It is like a brand new set of cloths that can only be kept clean through the purifying soap of confession!

Thank You Jesus for the gift of confession and repentance.

Study up for trivia!