

LIFE APPS
Pt. 3 – “The Confession App”
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James 1:22 (NIV)

^[22] Do not **merely** listen to the word, and so **deceive** yourselves. **Do** what it says.

The Life App is – CONFESS

Trying to outsmart God **is** a sin.

Genuine **confession** serves as a first step toward **repentance** and **reconciliation**.

Numbers 5:5-7 (NIV)

^[5] The LORD said to Moses,

^[6] “Say to the Israelites: ‘When a man or woman wrongs another in any way

and so is unfaithful to the LORD, that person is guilty

^[7] and must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full **restitution** for his wrong, add one fifth to it and give it all to the person he has wronged.’”

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

^[23] “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

^[24] leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”

Luke 19:8 (NIV)

^[8] But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

“And Jesus said unto him, ‘Zacchaeus, don’t get carried awayeth. Thou hast confessed, and it is enougheth that thou hast confessed thy sin to me in private.’”

Luke 19:9 (NIV)

^[9] Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.”

James 5:16 (NIV)

^[16] Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

We **fear** the consequences of confession more than the consequences of **concealment**.

Genuine confession leads to genuine **change**!