



“How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep me from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.” Psalm 19:12-13 NLT

Secret confidences – every person holds secret confidences within their heart. Subtle thoughts and strongholds of thinking that go undetected because of the cultural or the familial customs in which we were raised. These secret confidences are held as certain underlying values. While typically never spoken aloud, they are the bigotries and the biases that reside in our hearts. These may range from the colour of our skin to the education we have attained, to the side of the tracks we live on; to the amount of money we have or don't have. We may one day discover that we secretly look down upon people who are heavier or skinnier than ourselves. Maybe the internal disdain is manifest at expensive cars or “junkers” as we sit at a traffic light. Ethnic foods or fashion styles may also trigger our strongholds of pride or prejudice.

Unless we understand the process of the Holy Spirit's work within our lives, this constant barrage of seeing our ugly side can be overwhelming. One of the Spirit's tasks is to continually bring these hidden “uglinesses” to our attention to the end that we will see that even though it may be cultural or generational, etc. it is still a sin and needs to be confessed, forsaken, brought under the Blood of Jesus, and then transformed by the love and Spirit of God!

Are you ready?

“Lord, help me to see the lurking sins in my life. Sensitize me to their working. Free me from them. I receive Your forgiveness and cleansing now, in the name of Jesus! Thank You.”

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