



## Secrets (You don't have to live in the dark)

### Lesson 2: Secret Behaviors August 8 & 9

#### Secret Behaviors

**Proverbs 9:17** "Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!" *New Living Translation*

**Romans 2:16** And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life. *New Living Translation*

The enemy wants you to **HIDE** sin now so he can **EXPOSE** sin later ...  
...God wants you to **EXPOSE** sin now so He can **HIDE** sin later

#### Your secret life alters your public life

Secret spiritual routines produce public fruit

**Matthew 6:6** But when you pray, go away by yourself, all alone, and shut the door behind you and pray to your Father secretly, and your Father, who knows your secrets, will reward you. *The Living Bible*

Secret sin causes us to do dumb things

**Proverbs 5:22** The shadow of your sin will overtake you; you'll find yourself stumbling all over yourself in the dark. *Message Bible*

Secret sin blocks God's help

**Proverbs 28:13** People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess

and turn from them, they will receive mercy. *New Living Translation*

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Achan (Joshua 7)

1. Make it right with God

**2 Corinthians 4:2** We put aside all secret and shameful deeds; we do not act with deceit, nor do we falsify the word of God. In the full light of truth we live in God's sight and try to commend ourselves to everyone's good conscience. *Good News Translation*

2. Come clean to a mentor

**James 5:16** Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. *New Living Translation*

4. Look into the light

**Isaiah 6:5** Then I said, "My doom is sealed, for I am a foul-mouthed sinner, a member of a sinful, foul-mouthed race; and I have looked upon the King, the Lord of heaven's armies." *The Living Bible*