

Overflow (Guilt)

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How are things with your heart?

1. Not your career.
2. Not your family.
3. Not your finances.

If all those things are well you might tell people you're "fine."

The difficult circumstances you are dealing with today are likely being fed by one of four emotional forces that compels you to act in undesirable ways,

- Guilt
- Anger
- Greed
- Jealousy

The heart seeps into every conversation.

- It dictates every relationship.
- Every area of life is affected by the heart.

Guilt is a powerful emotion; it holds us captive and excludes us from sharing an intimate relationship with God and others.

Guilt says I owe you.

- I have taken something from you.
- If not a tangible thing I have taken the truth from you.
- Therefore I feel as though I owe you something.

There are 2 kinds of guilt:

Harmful Guilt = Condemnation

Helpful Guilt = Conviction

The antidote to guilt is Confession!

Psalm 32:1-11 Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! 2 Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! 3 When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

4 Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. 5 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. 6

Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

7 For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory. 8 The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

9 Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control." 10 Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord. 11 So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!