



New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes ~ January 29, 2023

“Habits that Build Hope”

Creatures of Habit Week 4

➤ Habits set the _____ of your life

➤ A habit of concealing, _____ and others from _____ in your life

“To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ Luke 18:9-12

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23Those who listen to the word but do not do what it says are like people who look at their faces in a mirror 24and, after looking at themselves, go away and immediately forget what they look like” James 1:22-24

➤ The Habit of _____ is the way to _____

Being honest paves the way to _____!

13“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

14“‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’” Luke 18:13-14

➤ Those who _____ themselves ; will be _____

“Those who conceal their sins do not prosper, but those who confess and renounce them find mercy” Proverbs 28:13

- The tax collector _____
- The Pharisee was _____

- The tax collector, was focused on _____ and _____

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”. James 5:16

To _____ sin to God ; is to _____ to God that I have _____

When we _____ ; it is _____ our words or actions _____

- To Develop healthy _____
- Consider _____
- Consider asking _____, if there is any way that you have _____
- Pay close attention to feelings of _____ or _____

Questions to Ponder, talk about with Life Group, Family and Friends

1. Why is it so hard to have an accurate view of yourself? What factors get in the way?
2. Why do you think Jesus tells a parable to teach this lesson?
3. What affect does a humble spirit have on our ability to confess?
4. Why does concealed sin break relationship? Why does confessed sin build relationship?
5. What is one practical way to make confession a regular practice in your life?

Pray Psalm 32