

# Prayer: Keep It Real

Main Text: Psalm 51      Dr. Tom Mullins

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## I. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ a Path to God:

David's \_\_\_\_\_ blocked his path to God.

*"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."*

*Ps 66:18*

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*

*Ps 139:23-24*

Sin is \_\_\_\_\_

*"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."*

*James 4:17*

*"...do not let sin reign in your mortal body..."*

*Rom 6:12*

Beware of the \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.

*"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"*

*Rom 6:1-2*

*"If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sin is left...How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?"*

*Heb 10:26, 29*

## II. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Fellowship with God:

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."*

*Prov 4:23*

### Keys To Guarding Our Fellowship:

A. Set \_\_\_\_\_.

*"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your word. . .I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You."*

*Ps 119:9, 11*

B. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...I will walk with a blameless heart. I will set before my eyes no vile thing."*

*Ps 101:2-3*

C. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all righteousness."*

*1 Jn 1:9*

## III. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Our Lives in Focus:

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship."*

*Rom 12:1*

### David Made Three Vows to God:

A. He would **WORSHIP** with an inner sacrifice.

B. He would **PRAISE** Him.

C. He would fulfill his **MISSION**.