

"Out From Hiding"

"Anyone who hides his sins doesn't succeed.
But anyone who admits his sins and gives them up finds mercy."

The eyes of the LORD are everywhere.
They watch those who are evil and those who are good.
Proverbs 28:13 & 15:3 from the NIV

"Busted!" That is a fear we all live. We dread getting caught in activities or attitudes that we know are not pleasing to God. So, to avoid being caught, we hide! And, to be honest, playing "Hide and Seek" can be a lot of fun - at first. But the game becomes a hard work after awhile. It takes a lot of energy to stay "under wraps". To grow in our walk with Christ, we must come out of hiding and "fess up". Self-exposure is threatening but healing.

We are definitely related to Adam and Eve! Describe their response to being guilty of the very first sin by humans (read Gen. 3:6-13). What did they do & why? AND to prove the family connection and resemblance, discuss how and why WE hide when we sin? What reasons do WE give for concealing our sin? What clever / sneaky methods do WE use?

What do these verses say about the effectiveness of trying to pull a fast one on the Almighty (Psalm 33:13-15; 139:7-12; Prov. 15:3; Heb. 4:13). Are verses like Prov. 15:3 & Ps. 33:13-15 encouraging to you or scary & threatening?

Instead of hiding, what should we do and why (see Prov. 28:13 and 1 John 1:5-2:2)? List some practical ways we can do this?