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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... create in me a clean heart, O God...”**  
*Psalm 51:10-13*

One of my favorite prayers in Scripture is found in these verses. Psalm 51 contains the prayer of king David to God asking to be forgiven for his sin with Bathsheba. David's prayer is powerful, and pertinent. His prayer has the genuine qualities of true contrition, remorse, humility, reverence and sincerity that every prayer to God should contain.

Verse 10 reflects repentance. David confesses that his conduct revealed a heart set on personal gain rather than pleasing God. As a reminder, David's sin with Bathsheba was the turning point in his life with respect to what God was going to accomplish through David. Instead, David lost his first son with Bathsheba, he sentenced Urriah the Hittite (Bathsheba's husband) to death, wasn't permitted to build the temple (but did gather the materials), and the sword never died with respect to his household (the death of Absalom and Amnon, and the rape of Tamar are a few tragedies directly related to the ramifications of the sword of David). In verses 11-12, David expresses his desire to have his fellowship with God reconciled. David's relationship with God was secure, but their fellowship had been broken. In verse 13, David expresses his desire for recommitment to ministry and service. He knew that in order to represent God rightly to others, he first had to be right with God.

This prayer could be and probably should be prayed frequently by every believer. When our fellowship with God is broken by our will to fulfill our desires over that of His, it is sin. In that case, whereas our relationship remains secure in Christ, our fellowship with God suffers. Further, our service and ministry as well as spiritual development might be slowed or interrupted. Only our prayer of repentance, reconciliation and recommitment to God will right the wrong.

Are you allowing anything to stand between you and your fellowship with God? It happens so subtly. When the Holy Spirit reveals such impedances do not hesitate to pray as king David did, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."