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The art of confession by Ken Sande

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| 1. Address everyone involved. | All whom you have affected |
| 2. Avoid if, but, and maybe | Don't try to excuse your wrongs |
| 3. Admit specifically | Both attitudes & actions |
| 4. Acknowledge the hurt | Express sorrow for hurting them |
| 5. Accept the consequences | Such as making restitution |
| 6. Alter your behavior | Change your attitudes & actions
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| 7. Ask for forgiveness | |

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Spend some time this week in honest self examination. Really ask God to show you the behaviors and attitudes that YOU need to change. This process might give you some insight into your relationships, maybe show you some patterns you might have, or attitudes that you have had for years that just don't match up with God's word. If you ask Him to show you, He will.

We have listed on the other side of these teaching notes the 7 principals to the art of confession, read these one by one and memorize them.

Be a peacemaker and initiate forgiveness. Forgive as God Forgave You. Through forgiveness God tears down the walls that our sins have built, and He opens the way for a renewed relationship with Him. This is exactly what we can do when we forgive as the Lord forgives us. We do not hold wrongs against others, do not think about the wrongs, and do not punish others for them. Therefore, forgiveness may be described as a decision to make four promises:

"I will not dwell on this incident."

"I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you."

"I will not talk to others about this incident."

"I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship."

By making and keeping these promises, you can tear down the walls that stand between you and your offender. You promise not to dwell on or brood over the problem or to punish by holding the person at a distance. You clear the way for your relationship to develop unhindered by memories of past wrongs. This is exactly what God does for us, and it is what He calls us to do for others.





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