**Walking in the Light**

1 John 1:5-10 If we walk in the light…

Fellowship with one another

Purified from all sin.

I don’t know about you, but I want these!

v. 9. If we confess our sins. He seems to be equating confessing our sins with walking in the light.

(John 3:19-21 Jesus talks about walking in the light “But men loved darkness, for fear that their deeds will be exposed.”)

Acts 5:1-3 When we lie we lie to the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The HS is kind of like having your mother in the back seat during your dates.

There are three categories of being open:

Let us define being open: Being transparent. Being up-front about your strengths, weaknesses, worries, victories, sins, desires….

Let’s define openness (the term is not in the Bible). Being real about our desires, feelings, struggles, victories,….

Share victories more than sins, please!

(Interesting: I did a google search on openness and an ICOC web site came up…)

1. Being open with God. (1 John 1:5)

2. Being open with your brother or sister

3. Being open with yourself.

Q: Which is the most important?

Q: Which is hardest for you?

Being open with God is the most important, but 1 John 4:20 He who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen….

By analogy, he who is not open with his/her brother/sister whom he/she has seen is not being open with God whom he/she has not seen.

So, having a culture of “openness”/walking in the light in our ministry is an essential means for maintaining the even more important openness with God. It is part of our spirituality.

Example: David and Nathan (see pimple analogy)

Pimple analogy

Proverbs passages  [Proverbs 28:13](http://bible.gospelcom.net/bible?passage=Proverbs+28:13&language=english&version=NIV)  conceal vs confessing and renouncing