

When you aren't, you're fooling only yourself and hindering the relationship.

- **GOD WILL ALWAYS TELL US WHEN WE'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG:** If we have a genuine desire to confess our sins and ask forgiveness, God will tell us when we've done something wrong. No honest Christian ever has to worry about unknown sin in his or her life.
- **WHEN SIN IS TOLERATED, IT INCREASES:** Any time we don't seek forgiveness, and we allow sin to remain in our lives, it increases and continues to do further damage. Sin left unchecked for a long time can eventually consume us.

Confession has wonderful benefits. It clears the air with God and allows you to communicate with Him without encumbrances.

4. Bible Time

I once read a story in *The Employment Counselor* where a young Christian was preparing for a trip when his traveling companion came into the room to see how he was doing.

"Are you done packing?" his friend asked.

"Almost," said the young man. "The only things I have left to pack are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a volume of fine poetry, a couple of biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of books I've been reading."

"Where are you going to fit all that stuff?" the friend asked.

"Right here," the young man replied. He reached for his Bible and put it in the corner of his suitcase.

Reading the Bible daily will do awesome things to your walk with God. Second Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and train-