

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

Looking at the wound of sin will never save anyone.

What you must do is to look at the remedy.

- Dwight Lyman Moody

Sometimes you just need a song to say you're trying to do the right thing. Of course, in order to say that, you have to confess that you just might be doing the wrong thing.

And singing about it pretty much makes it obvious to all of us that you've been doing the wrong thing. God knows you wouldn't want just everyone to know you've been misbehaving.

Then again, that might be the whole point here....God **does** know what you've been doing, so now might be a good time to 'fess up.

If I can make a suggestion that may help you: print these lyrics out, take them to the room in your home that is most distant from other people, and whisper them.

...And offer praise and gratitude (quietly, of course) to the Lord who saw fit to make "forgiveness" a part of the program.

I Will Learn

by Jeffrey Robert Smith

VERSE 1: I've been bad, I've been good.
I've been ev'rything except the way I should.
Well, I used to stray,
But I made my way to Your door.

VERSE 2: I've been right, I've been wrong.
When they told me to go short, well I went long.
But I've heard your words,
And I'm ready now to hear more.

CHORUS: Lord, I will try
To be better, better still.
I say Lord, I will learn
Just for You, dear Lord, yes I will.

VERSE 3: I've been up, I've been down.
I've been places I preferred not to be found.
Well, my mind was closed;
I suppose I just didn't care.

VERSE 4: Now I know what is right.
Lord, you opened up my mind, turned on the light.
Now I know Your truth,
And I know that You really care.

CHORUS: Lord, I will try
To be better, better still.
I say Lord, I will learn
Just for You, dear Lord, yes I will.

SECONDARY: Life's not easy;
It's easy to fall
By the wayside, hopelessly lost.
But you will not stray,
If you follow the way
That is marked by the sign of the cross.

VERSE 5: Less of me, more of You;
I've been humbled by an everlasting truth.
If you seek, you'll find,
And you'll turn your mind to the good.

VERSE 6: What's the use, there's no excuse;
Might as well resolve to go the way of truth.
So I'll always know
That I lived the best that I could.

CHORUS: Lord, I will try
To be better, better still.
I say Lord, I will learn
Just for You, dear Lord, yes I will.

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**All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise,
like a man who builds his house on solid rock. Matthew 7:24 (TLB)**