



Dark Secrets

A total of five women have made sexual harassment allegations against Republican Presidential Candidate, Herman Cain, that largely stem from the time he served as chairman of the National Restaurant Association in the late '90s. These allegations have been clouding the campaign process and debates and, at the time I write this, Mr. Cain has not openly addressed the allegations.

Men, if you were running for President and the opposition and media were to delve into your past, would things come to light that would be difficult for you to address? What would be the impact on your family, friends, church, and associates? I think most of us have things in our past (and maybe in our present), that we hope never come to light. These things keeps us trapped in shame and fear and block us from experiencing the true intimacy with God, our wives or “significant others,” and our friends and associates. We wonder why we feel empty and disconnected. God has a message for us:

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)

I used to believe that “walking in darkness” meant living with active known sin in my life. Now I see that anything less than total openness in my life is “darkness.” A few years ago the darkness in my life became so overwhelming that I had no choice but to begin to allow the light to expose the things long hidden. In time, as I found freedom in the light, I began to trust the promise of freedom and I brought all of the secrets to light. What freedom to wake up in the morning and know that there is absolutely nothing in my life that if it were to be exposed would be an embarrassment to me or others!

What soon followed was a connectedness to God and to my brothers and sisters in the family of God that I had never experienced. I was experiencing true “fellowship with one another.” And, even more amazing was that I finally really experienced the joy and freedom of God’s forgiveness, as it is only in the light, that “the blood of Jesus purifies us

from all sin.” Men, seek and welcome the light and you will find freedom, peace, and joy!
