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Therefore for anyone who wants to come into the presence of the Lord, it is important to have the right attitude, a pure heart and clean hands. It is a good idea to examine oneself in the light of the words of Psalm 15 and 24 so that one can be sure that he or she is in right standing with the Lord and prayers will not be hindered. We can begin by asking the Lord to cleanse and purge our hearts as in Psalm 51. If we indulge in discussion that does not build others up, we need to invite the Holy Spirit to take absolute control of our tongues.

In conclusion, perhaps like the psalmist, we can render a heartfelt cry out to the Lord. "Search me O God and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way ever lasting". Perhaps you are reading this and you are yet to give your life to Christ, you can pray and confess your sins to the Lord and surrender your life to Him. May God bless you as you do so Please E-mail concerns and comments to: Project Esther at estherdaniel15@yahoo.com

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