



Thursday Thought

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How to Unclog a Toilet

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Verse for the week: Psalm 19:9 (RSV) “The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.”

I'm considering making a series of "How To" videos dealing with:

- How to unclog a toilet with a plunger
- How to clean a toilet and urinal
- How to clean out a trash can
- How to make a row of chairs that don't connect together straight

I believe there is a great need for these type of lessons. It's intriguing to me how many times someone has come out of a bathroom and told me that the toilet was clogged. When I go in, there is a plunger right next to the toilet. Once, I was visiting a Christian School for a program when an individual came out of the bathroom and told me the toilet was clogged. I must have been wearing my roto rooter uniform that night – haha. I'm not sure why people tell me this stuff but I think I would be embarrassed to go tell someone. Honestly, I don't think I am the only person who knows how to use a plunger. Wouldn't it be much easier to take some action and use the plunger sitting there?

They say “Cleanliness is next to Godliness!” This phrase encourages and promotes neatness and personal hygiene, but the direct quote is **NOT** in the Bible. The phrase is popularly credited to a sermon from John Wesley. The concept **IS** in the Bible, however. Because of sin, the relationship that humanity had with God back in Genesis 2 was broken. The remainder of the Bible is about God's desire to restore that relationship and He does it through Jesus. The very first Prophecy of the Old Testament, (Gen 3:15) concerns Jesus Christ! The New Testament begins with the birth of Jesus Christ and closes with the promise of His return (Revelation 22:20). In order to restore the relationship with God, it requires action on our part, because Revelation 21:27 tells us that nothing unclean will enter Heaven. The way to being clean is through repentance. **Acts 3:19 (NLT)** says, “**Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.**”

Challenge Question: Just as unclogging or cleaning a toilet requires action, so does repenting of our sins! What sin is there in your life that you need to repent of today?