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**The Way Of Wisdom**  
"The Freedom Of Forgiveness"  
Proverbs 28:13

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Introduction: We are continuing our journey through Proverbs this morning, and we'll start with a short quiz.

1. What do the following events have in common?
  - Watergate Scandal
  - Iran-Contra
  - Catholic Church Abuse Scandal
  - Chernobyl Meltdown
  - Epstein Scandal
  - Clinton Scandals
2. The answer: Coverups!
3. In many of these examples, the coverup was more problematic than the actual crime.
4. Despite that reality, the impulse to cover our wrongdoing persists.
5. This is understandable, exposure can be humiliating.
6. It is also unwise. Proverbs makes this clear.
7. For the rest of our lives, we will be imperfect.
8. If we want to overcome these failures, we'll need to take two steps.

I. I Must Resist The Urge To Cover My Faults

- A. What Does It Mean To Cover?
- B. Why Is This A Problem?

II. I Must Be Willing To Confront My Faults

- A. What Does It Mean To Confront?
- B. Why Is It Important?

Conclusion: Imperfection is a reality.

1. The impulse to cover up is understandable.
2. The truth is hard to escape.
3. Exposure is practically inevitable.
4. When the truth is known, the damage has been magnified.
5. There is an answer.
6. Refuse a coverup, quickly and completely confront your faults.
7. As we do, we experience freedom and are able to move forward in life.