

## Prayers of “renouncing” and “announcing”\*

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As a community response to the message today, and before we take communion together, we want to see *this* spiritual house cleaned in Jesus’ name. With one heart, one mind and one voice, in one accord, we will “renounce” the following sinful ways and then “announce” who we hope to be in Christ:

- “We renounce” is our response to Christ’s command: “repent”
  - “We announce” is our faithful response to Christ’s command: “remember”
1. We renounce **complacency** and fear – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ we will be people of vision, passion and boldness
  2. We renounce a **critical** and judgmental spirit – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ we will choose to bless, to love as we have been loved
  3. We renounce **gossip**, pettiness and unfair expectations – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ we will guard one another and create a culture of honour
  4. We renounce **moral failure** – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ we will be accountable and live with integrity
  5. We renounce “**competitiveness**” with the larger church – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that we will seek first His kingdom, not our own church’s standing
  6. We renounce **distrust** of God’s chosen and faithful leaders – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ we will seek to serve and be willing to follow
  7. We renounce sinful **pride** that keeps us from confessing sins and receiving salvation and healing – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ we will live day by day with a humble, teachable spirit
  8. We renounce our **poor stewardship** of time, talent and treasures – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that in Christ all that we have and are is His and we will be generous
  9. We renounce our **self-focus** that produces apathy to the lost – we don’t want this in our church!
    - a. We announce that we do not live only for ourselves and will seek to be people of justice
  10. We renounce the **digging** of our own wells that leads to idolatry
    - a. We announce that God is the only true source of life now and eternally

\*Inspired by Neil Anderson’s “Extreme Church Makeover”