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Proverbs 20:9, "**Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?**"

When someone takes credit for themselves, they may not understand that they are taking credit away from someone else. However, that is always the case. If I were to go next door to my neighbor's house and cut his grass, then run to tell him what I did when he gets home from work, I have taken the credit for myself and eliminated any other neighbor from getting it.

When we say, "**I have made my heart clean,**" we have taken credit away from God who is the only one that can do that in the first place. Notice how King Nebuchadnezzar took credit for building his kingdom and how God was not pleased by him doing so. Daniel 4:30 says, "**The king spake, and said, is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?**" God was so displeased with him that Nebuchadnezzar was made to eat grass and even his nails were like birds' claws (vs 33).

It is best to always give credit to God for all the blessings which we have. Then, we should never say "**I am pure from my sin.**" While it is true that we as God's children have been washed in the blood of the lamb, we should never boast about it as we still sin. I John 1:8 says, "**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**" Even Paul would not claim pureness from sin as he knew that it was ever present with him. May God bless us to understand that while we are yet still sinners, we are sinners saved by grace. "**Think About IT!**"