

## Real World Repentance

my impressions

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. I want that   B. I didn't know that   C. That's clear  
D. That changes my thinking   E. I doubt that  
F. That strengthens my faith   G. That challenges me  
H. I'm thankful   I. That gives me hope   J. Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Jesus clearly spells out how we can enter His kingdom. Simply believe and do the will of the Father. (Luke 8:12; Matthew 7:21<sup>2</sup>)
2. The problem is our fallen nature naturally rebels against His will. Jesus took on our fallen nature, became one of us, to show us how God's gift of repentance can recreate our sin sick hearts. (Jeremiah 17:9<sup>8</sup>; Romans 3:10, 23; John 5:19; 14:10; Matthew 19:26; Hebrews 2:17; 2 John 1:7)
3. The very reason Jesus came to this world, lived, died and rose again, the reason He was glorified and now sits at the right hand of the Father was so He could give us His repentance, victories, and His perfection! (Luke 24:45-48; Acts 5:31; Philippians 4:13)
4. The culture of heaven is different than our earthly culture. To prepare us to live in the pure, holy, and sinless atmosphere of heaven, Jesus wants to give us a new repentant heart so our feelings and actions will be in harmony with His. (Revelation 21:27; 2 Corinthians 7:10<sup>13</sup>; Ezekiel 11:20<sup>14</sup>; John 13:15<sup>17</sup>; 1 Peter 2:21<sup>18</sup>; Matthew 16:24<sup>19</sup>)
5. As we do our part, focusing on God's goodness and asking Him each day for a new heart, a transformation happens. That change begins to manifest itself in many different areas of our life including entertainment, diet, dress and adornment, as well as our music. (Romans 2:4; Psalm 101:3<sup>5</sup>; Matthew 5:28<sup>7</sup>; Leviticus 11:26; 1 Timothy 2:9, 10<sup>22</sup>; 2 Chronicles 5:13; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Revelation 4:11<sup>23</sup>)
6. When we pray prayers of repentance like Jesus and David, we can begin to experience His kingdom in our hearts now and receive God's approbation. (Matthew 26:39; Psalm 51:10<sup>24</sup>, 12; Matthew 17:5; Acts 13:22)

**Choices:** I choose to exercise my part of daily repentance so God can work miracles in my life for His glory. (Matthew 5:16; Romans 12:2)

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LESSON 9

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1. **Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore \_\_\_\_\_, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
2. **Matthew 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that \_\_\_\_\_ the will of my Father which is in heaven.
3. **Proverbs 2:21** For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall remain in it.

### Repentance Defined:

*Repentance is feeling about things the way God does and acting accordingly.*

4. **John 8:44** ... When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
5. **Psalms 101:3** I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes ...

### A Law of the Mind:

"By beholding we become changed." <sup>2</sup> Corinthians 3:18

6. **Ephesians 5:12** For it is a \_\_\_\_\_ even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
7. **Matthew 5:28 NAS** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust ... has already committed adultery with her in his \_\_\_\_\_.
8. **Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
9. **Proverbs 4:23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
10. **Luke 11:34** The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is \_\_\_\_\_, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

11. **Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
12. **Hebrews 7:25 NKJ** Therefore He is also able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.
13. **2 Corinthians 7:10** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.
14. **Ezekiel 11:20** That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and \_\_\_\_\_ them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
15. **Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
16. **Hosea 4:11** Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.
17. **John 13:15** For I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should do as I have done to you.
18. **1 Peter 2:21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should follow his steps:
19. **Matthew 16:24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_, and take up his cross, and follow me.
20. **1 Peter 3:3, 4 NKJ** Do not let your beauty be that outward \_\_\_\_\_ of arranging the hair, of wearing gold, or of putting on fine apparel; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.
21. **Matthew 5:16** Let your light so \_\_\_\_\_ before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

22. **1 Timothy 2:9, 10 NIV** I also want women to dress \_\_\_\_\_, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.
23. **Revelation 4:11 NKJ** “\_\_\_\_\_ are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”
24. **Psalms 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

### Repentance Model:

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| <i>My part</i>    | } | 1. <b>Bethinking:</b> Or remembering all the good things God has done for you and for others (1 Kings 8:46-48; Romans 2:4; Luke 15:16-20).   |
|                   |   | 2. <b>Asking:</b> That is, asking for the gift of repentance, that is a heart that feels about things the way God does (Luke 24:45-48; Acts 5:31; Psalm 68:18; John 16:24; Matthew 7:7-8; Ezekiel 36:26).  |
| <i>God's part</i> | } | 3. <b>Sorrow &amp; Joy:</b> God then gifts us with true sorrow for sin, the sin itself (2 Corinthians 7:10). He then adds to our sorrow a joy for right doing, for righteousness sake (John 16:20-22; Jeremiah 31:13).   |
|                   |   | 4. <b>Hatred &amp; Love:</b> God takes it a step further by giving us a hatred, even an abhorrence of sin and evil where ever it presents itself (Romans 12:9; Job 42:6; Luke 14:26; Revelation 2:6). Then He adds to that a love for what He loves. Of course Love - the principle of giving what is needed most, puts us on a solid emotional foundation (John 3:16; Jeremiah 31:3; John 13:1; 1 John 4:19). |
| <i>Results</i>    | } | 5. <b>Turning:</b> It is so much easier to make the choice to turn away from sin and toward God in heart and life, when you feel about things the way God does. (Isaiah 55:6-9; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Hosea 4:11; Proverbs 8:13; Ezekiel 18:31).  |