

## **GOD WANTS CHANGE YOUR MIND!**

Based on the command of Christ #1 - "Repent".

"They change their mind like they change their underwear!"

\*A 2008 survey revealed that 9% of men in America have underwear that is at least 10 years old. Fifteen percent own underwear that is between 5-9 years old.

\*Single people are less likely to change their underwear on a daily basis than married people—82% versus 88%, respectively.

\*To avoid urinary tract infections etc..., physicians recommend changing underwear at least once a day.

Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Acts 3:19 – REPENT, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Acts 17:30 – In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to REPENT.

Repent = (Gr. Metanoia) To change your mind and to change the way you think, To change your perspective on life.

D.L. Moody - "Man was born with his back to God and when he repents he turns around and faces God."

Is. 55:8-9

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **I. There are 3 Parts of Repentance:**

*1. Realize that our thoughts and feelings will direct our actions!*

2. *We must decide to change the way we think!*

3. *We refuse to allow our lives to be dictated by natural feelings!*

2 Corinthians 10:5 - We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## **II. There are 2 Applications of Repentance:**

1. *You repent of sin when you first come to God...*

2. *You live a lifestyle of repentance...*

## **III. Repentance is demonstrated when we:**

1. *Stop going where you might sin.*

2. *Stop being with those that would influence you to sin.*

3. *Stop giving ourselves an excuse to sin.*

Is. 59:1-2 - Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

## **IV. Steps in Repentance:**

1. **R** - *Recognize that you are in the presence of a Holy God!*

James 4:6 and 1Pet. 5:5 - "... God opposes the proud but gives grace (Empowering favor) to the humble."

1Pet. 3:12 - For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Rom. 14:12 - So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

2 Cor. 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2. **E** - *Elect to change your perspective to God's perspective!*

Genesis 6:5-6 - "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart."

Eph. 4:30-32 - "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

Rom. 12:9 - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

3. **P** - *Put the blame for your sin where it really belongs!*

Pr. 28:13 - Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

4. **E** - *Experience true grief in your heart over your sin!*

2 Corinthians 7:10 - For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

5. **N** - *No longer give sin an opportunity in your life!*

Jn. 8:10-12

10. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11. "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

12. When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jn. 5:14 - Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Lk. 4:13 - When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

6. **T** – Transfer control of your life to God!

Ps. 127:1-2

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Psalm 51:1-17

1 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

2 Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

3 For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

5 For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

6 But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

7 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.

9 Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

13 Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.

14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.

15 Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.