

## Course Correction (#2)

**Repentance is more than being convicted of sin.** Governor Felix trembled when he heard Paul preached concerning the faith in Christ; a message about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come. But the Governor did not repent (Acts 24:24-26). Repentance is more than just feeling bad after hearing a gospel sermon that convicts you of sin.

**Repentance is more than a confession of sin.** Judas Iscariot confessed to betraying an innocent man (Matt 27:4). Pharaoh confessed to sinning against the Lord by preventing the Israelites from leaving (Exo 9:27; 10:16). Balaam confessed his sin in the presence of an angel (Num 22:34). King Saul confessed to transgressing the commandment of the Lord (1 Sam 15:24). But these men did not repent. Repentance entails confessing and forsaking sin (Prov 28:13).

**Repentance is more than contrition (sorrow) for sin.** Paul explained that godly sorrow *leads to* repentance (2 Cor 7:8-10). There are two kinds of sorrow for sin: the sorrow of the world that leads to death (e.g., Judas and King Saul), and godly sorrow that leads to repentance and salvation (e.g., those who believed the gospel and were baptized, Acts 2:41, 47).

**What is repentance?** Repentance IS the correction and prevention of sin; literally, to turn or change the way you're going. It's more than an attitude, it's an action (Luke 3:7-14); it's practical; it's visible. The Ninevites repented at the preaching of Jonah; they turned from their evil way (Matt 12:41; Jonah 3:10). The gospel of Jesus Christ is a message of repentance. The Lord's apostles preached that all "should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting (appropriate to, NASU) repentance" (Acts 26:19- 20, NKJV). Make 2012 the year of your repentance.

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