

# ***A Man, His Sin, and His Need to Repent***

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Without an Honest Recognition of Personal  
Sin and Repentance of that Sin"

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# Part 1:

## A Man and His Sin

# Original Sin...Gen 3:6-13

- Resulted in separation from God and His perfection.
- Resulted in the first incidence of blame, denial, deceit, and cover-up...all of which are part of our nature.
- Manhood Note: The original sin is parallel to the first failure of man in the context of his wife and family.

# Covering and Denial

- Covering up sin is painful and destructive.
- Covering brings complexity and breeds dishonesty.
- Denying sin hinders fellowship with God.

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# David's Sin

- David was a man “after God’s own heart”.
- David was God’s chosen king.
- David fell in sin (See 2 Sam 11).
- David experienced first hand the ramifications of that sin.
- See Psalm 32:1-4.
- David’s sin also resulted in much collateral damage that affected many others.

# Avoidance and Honesty

- See 1 John 1:5-9, Mark 9:33-34, Luke 12:2.
- Our natural instinct is to avoid telling the truth about ourselves and/or our state.
- Honesty about our sin opens the door for us to experience God's amazing grace.
- God already knows...

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# Time Alone Does Not Heal

The longer we live in a  
lie, the harder it is to  
come clean. The time to  
deal with it is now.

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# God's Provision

- God, the Father. sent Jesus to die for our sins, making provision for a relationship with Him.
- God desires a personal relationship with us.
- God sent the Holy Spirit to reside within us, convict us of anything that would cause separation.
- God also gave us free will—to choose.



# God Shows us our Sin:

- Via “conviction” within our mind and heart.
- In our daily walk. He speaks during the day.
- During our time with Him. Lord show me MY sin... (See Psalm 139:23,24)
- Via our spouses, friends, and children.
- As part of our Christian growth.
- During times of discipline from Him.

# Conviction:

- Is evidence that Christ lives within us.
- Should be welcomed and accepted in our walk. God is speaking. Conviction REFINES.
- Requires action at the INDIVIDUAL level. God is showing ME, because he loves me, a sin issue that needs to be dealt with.

# Insight/ Definition

To “confess” our sins is to acknowledge our guilt before God—to agree with Him about our sin.

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# Confession Must Follow Conviction

- Recognition of the “Sin Issue” (Conviction) without confession of the issue is useless.
- Confession requires absolute honesty and nakedness.
- Confession is the tough part!
- The act of “Confession” will create and environment in which “Repentance” and healing can occur.

Prov. 28:13--"Whoever  
conceals his  
transgressions will not  
prosper, but he who  
confesses and forsakes  
them will obtain mercy."

# Real Momentum Application

“Honesty breeds honesty.” When someone gets honest with brothers...in Christ and is loved and supported, then others will also begin to lose their fear of being honest. Walking in the light restores and preserves unity in the church.

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# Part 2:

## A Man and His Need for Repentance

# Proverbs 51:10

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”



# Revival and Repentance

- Revival requires repentance. (See Matt 3:2, Matt 4:17)
- Repentance involves returning to the Lord, forsaking sin, and obeying God. (See Mal 3:7, Rev 2:5)

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# Repentance: Before and After Salvation

- Repentance is for Christians and non-Christians. (See 2 Cor 7:9-11)
- Repentance begins in the mind as conviction of sin. (See Romans 12:1-2)

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# Repentance, Behavior, and Our Action

- Real repentance influences behavior.
- When God calls us to repent, it is time to act. (See 2 Chron 26:3-5, 16-21)

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# A “Repenter”:

- Is firmly grounded in scripture and seeks scriptural guidance at all times.
- Responds to God “quickly”.
- Obeys God fully.
- Has a personal walk with Christ.
- Accepts God’s discipline with joy and expectation.

# David's Repentance Example

- See Psalm 51:1-6
- David was completely open with God.
- David placed no “blame” for his actions and accepted responsibility.
- David was convicted of his actions and responded with confession, then asked God for forgiveness, followed by renewal—the picture of repentance.

# Repentance- Results

Repentance enables us  
to glorify God—with a  
clean heart and mind!

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# Conclusion/ Wrap-up

# Life Application

As men, we are ultimately and solely responsible before God for our actions/sin and how we, and those in our charge, run this race. There are no excuses. There are no shortcuts.



# Repentance is a Choice

- The Lord convicts of sin and provides the “opportunity” to confess, then repent—leading to full restoration.
- We as men however must act. The Lord gives us a choice.

# Real Momentum: Facilitating

A key means to continued growth in humility and repentance is accountability combined with mutual encouragement.

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# The Good News

- Repentance leads to absolute and full restoration!
- Repentance give new life to a Christian walk irrespective of your age or past!
- We serve a God of second chances!

## 2 Timothy 2: 20-22

“Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

Do you want to be a useful  
vessel?

# Action Charge

- Put on the “Full Armor” daily. (Eph 6:13)
- Have a purity plan. Execute the plan. Joseph ran. KNOW what you will do! (Gen 39:11)
- Be honest with God and yourself! Repent when repentance is needed—without hesitation. God will renew you. (1 John 1:9)
- You are not alone!



Get It! Keep It! Live It!

John 10:10 (NIV), "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Neh 4:14 (NIV), "...Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

# Personal Inventory Exercise

- Review the list in a spirit of honesty and humility.
- Answer the questions in your heart.
- Decide in your heart and mind the actions needed.
- Execute your decisions.
- Rejoice in the resulting revival!

# Closing Video by John Piper