

CHAPTER THREE

Repentance

Training Objective

Every believer must know and understand the significance of repentance. To repent speaks to the reborn condition of the believer's heart that turns the believer away from a sinful life towards a new life in Jesus Christ. John the Baptist and Jesus Christ himself preached the significance of Repentance. God want us to understand, know, and be able to share the importance aspects of repentance.

Quote: "You cant make disciples out of unrepentant sinners" (pp 25, *"Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives on Earth"* by Tony Evans.)

Scripture References

- *Matthew 3:2,*
- *Luke 13:3, 15:7,*
- *Acts 17:30*

- *Ephesians 4:11-12,*
- *Philippians 1:2*

Activities

Activity #1 – Define Repent

Define and know and be able to share the meaning of the Word "Repent".

Define Repent

- Greek word - metanoeo

meta-after, change & *noco*-to think, perceive

- Means to think differently afterwards – to change one's mind for direction

Better Stated it means:

- To change one's mind, or what you know has changed; means to turn around and take a new path (Matthew 3:2)
- Implies: ***a change of mind***, leading to a change of heart, ***resulting in a change of direction***. (Mark 1:15)
- Related (Epistrepho) – To turn back toward. (Acts 3:19)

Repentance is essential to forgiveness and Salvation!

Activity #2 – Understand and know the aspects of Repentance

Confession

- **Greek word: (homologeō)** ὁμολογήσῃς **Strong's number:** G3670
(ὁμολογέω)

homo – same, *logos/lego* – word, **speech**

- To say the same thing; to agree with; to speak in alignment with.

Better stated: Openly, express, tell, declare admit your faults, sins, transgressions against God first then to one another! (*Romans 10:9, James 5:16*)

- *Forgiveness from God is assured. (1 John 1:9)*
- *Confession is not a weakness: A powerful and purifying work of Grace in the life of the believer*

1 John 1:9, James 5:16, Psalm 38:18, Psalm 51:3, Luke 15:17, 21

Conversion

- Greek Word (metanoia) “μετάνοια”
- means “a change of mind,” “reformation”, or “a turning about.”
- It implies a “deep, inner transformation” that results in a new direction of life.

Better stated it means:

- A change of mind (thinking) - *Acts 3:19*
- A change of heart (affections) - *John 3:3*
- A change of direction (behavior) - *2 Cor 5:17*

How many Kingdom ways can you think of to describe one's "Conversion"?

Conduct

Comes from the Greek Word Politeuomai (πολιτεύομαι)

Defined – means “to conduct oneself as a citizen”

Better Stated:

- to live in a manner worthy of the laws, identity, and responsibilities of one's citizenship. (Phillippians 1:27)
 - To live now, in relationship to Christ as a "new creation", wrought by the Holy Spirit.
 - Conduct ourselves as citizens whose conduct matches the gospel. (Acts 23:1)
 - Living Before Them
 - Learning to share with Them
 - Intentionally engaging Them with C.A.R.E.
 - Talk the talk, Walk the walk!
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