

10 THINGS REPENTANCE IS NOT

1. Repentance is NOT hiding out, becoming exclusive, a recluse or a hermit. It is NOT playing the loner, fall guy, or loser.

Gen 3:8-10 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. (9) Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" (10) He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

2. Repentance is NOT blaming others.

Gen 3:12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

3. Repentance is NOT a period of depression or sad facedness; NOT "gloom and despair and misery is me;" NOT looking bad.

Gen 4:6-8 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? (7) "If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." (8) Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Heb 12:14-17 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. (15) See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; (16) that *there be* no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a *single* meal. (17) For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

4. Repentance is NOT silence; NOT avoiding issues and NOT avoiding communication.

2 Sam. 12:1-6 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said, "There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. (2) "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. (3) "But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was like a daughter to him. (4) "Now a traveler came to the rich man, And he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd, To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." (5) Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. (6) "He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

5. Repentance is NOT inviting persecution. Jonah 4

6. Repentance is NOT necessarily coming for baptism.

Matt. 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

7. Repentance is NOT avoiding reconciliation.

Matt. 5:23-24 "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, (24) leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Matt. 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

8. Repentance is NOT changing church addresses (church hopping).

Matt. 27:3-5 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, (4) saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See *to that* yourself!" (5) And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

9. Repentance is NOT telling half truths. Acts 5:1-11

10. Repentance is NOT continuing in sin.

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Acts 19:18-20 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. (19) And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. (20) So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.