

Repentance part 3; Attitude

Review:

Pro 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

Repentance must include not just our actions but our thoughts and attitudes. Our mind-set must be changed in order for our actions to permanently change.

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Eph 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Eph 4:19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Eph 4:20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

We must identify the thought patterns that cause us to be unfaithful, complain, or think about quitting and repent of that way of thinking.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The battlefield of the soul is the mind. It is there the enemy casts his fiery darts. It is in our minds where we are defeated before we are defeated otherwise.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down **imaginings**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the **knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity **every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

2Co 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

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Lesson 3

A few more scriptures on the repentance of the mind:

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Jas 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and **purify your hearts, ye double minded.**

Jas 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Php 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed** on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Mat 9:16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

Mat 9:17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

You cannot hold this new life in your old way of thinking and your old lifestyle. Your attitude about things must change.

Our attitude must be repented of and the new one must be protected.

Attitude-

1. In painting and sculpture, the posture or action in which a figure or statue is placed; the gesture of a figure or statue; such a disposition of the parts as serves to express the action and sentiments of the person represented.

2. **Posture**; position of things or persons; as, in times of trouble let the prince or a nation preserve a firm attitude.

What will you do in certain situations? How will you react if things don't go your way? In a sudden change of events, are you set to make it, or will you spiral out of control into being lost? What if you are tempted with evil? What if someone offends you?

****Two things we must fix in our posture; our attitude:**

1. We must not look back from where we came.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Heb 11:15 And truly, **if they had been mindful** of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Luk 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luk 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

Luk 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Luk 17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

Luk 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Luk 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

Luk 17:35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luk 17:36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

2. We must posture ourselves not to complain. Trust God. Have faith. Be thankful.

1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God **continually**, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

2Co 2:14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

1Co 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as **some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.**

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

They were destroyed because they murmured!

***The devil destroys only those that he may. Not all children of God can be destroyed.... Being thankful protects us!!!

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, ***seeking whom he may devour:***

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

If you live with the following statements in your attitude, you will eventually get knocked out of the Church!

“I don’t know if I can take it any more.”

‘I don’t know what I’ll do if this happens.’”

“If this happens, I’m quitting.”

‘Why is this happening to me?’

“Why doesn’t God fix this?”

Statements like this need to be done away with. There should be no posturing in us that would suggest that something can make us quit or complain.