

**Turning Over A New Leaf**

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**DO I FEEL MY LIFE IS ALL THAT IT CAN BE & SHOULD BE AT THIS VERY MOMENT?**

YES  NO

**I. WHY ARE OUR LIVES LESS THAN WHAT THEY SHOULD BE?**

1. WE MAKE \_\_\_\_\_

2. WE DESIRE THINGS THAT ARE \_\_\_\_\_

3. WE OFTEN CHOOSE GOOD THINGS RATHER THAN \_\_\_\_\_

4. WE NEGLECT THINGS THAT ARE \_\_\_\_\_

5. WE FAIL TO LIVE OUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR OUR LIVES

6. WE LIVE ACCORDING TO OUR OWN \_\_\_\_\_

7. WE TEND TO LEAN TOWARDS LIVING IN \_\_\_\_\_ RATHER THAN \_\_\_\_\_

**II. WHY IS NEW YEARS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE CHANGES?**

1. EVERY JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, THE CALENDAR RESET MAKES A GREAT \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>18</sup> Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19*

2. WHEN MAKING CHANGES, THERE IS NO \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>4</sup> If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4*

3. DUE TO OUR FLESHLY TENDENCY TO \_\_\_\_\_, WE MUST REGULARLY MAKE

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**III. WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL WAY TO MAKE LASTING CHANGE?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>19</sup> Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." Acts 3:19*

**WHAT IS REPENTANCE?**

**Greek Word:** *Metanoia* – A change of mind and/or to feel sorry

**Hebrew Word:** *Shuwb* – To turn around or change direction

**BIBLICAL REPENTANCE:** To Feel \_\_\_\_\_ For Sin (My Emotions), Change My Mind About

\_\_\_\_\_ (My Mind), Turn From Living \_\_\_\_\_,

& Choose To \_\_\_\_\_ (My Will)

## IV. WHY SHOULD I REPENT?

### 1. REPENTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>37</sup> Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"  
<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:37-38

### 2. REPENTANCE IS NECESSARY TO \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God." Psalm 51:17

### 3. REPENTANCE ALLOWS FOR A MORE POWERFUL & EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence.<sup>22</sup> And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him." 1 John 3:21-22

### 4. REPENTANCE ALLOWS ME TO \_\_\_\_\_ MORE CLEARLY

<sup>8</sup> God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8

### 5. REPENTANCE LEADS TO GREATER \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless." Matthew 5:13

### 6. REPENTANCE LEADS TO \_\_\_\_\_ CHANGE

<sup>2</sup> Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." Matthew 3:2

<sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Philippians 2:13

### 7. REPENTANCE LEADS ME TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS DIED TO GIVE ME

<sup>10</sup> The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10

## V. HOW SHOULD I GO ABOUT REPENTING?

### 1. RECOGNIZE \_\_\_\_\_ !

#### i. See \_\_\_\_\_ For What It Really Is & What It \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23a

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." Galatians 6:7-9

#### ii. See The Value Of A \_\_\_\_\_

"... but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23b

<sup>8</sup> The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8

#### iii. See The \_\_\_\_\_ I Could Have

<sup>13</sup> For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

<sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power<sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead..." Ephesians 1:19-20

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28

**2. RECOGNIZE THAT GOD** \_\_\_\_\_

*“2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2*

**3. TURN FROM LIVING** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO LIVING** \_\_\_\_\_

**i.** \_\_\_\_\_ **My Sins**

*“9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.” 1 James 4:9-10*

**ii. Ask God For Forgiveness Of My** \_\_\_\_\_

*“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9*

**iii Choose To Turn From** \_\_\_\_\_ **& Turn To** \_\_\_\_\_

*“2 Repent of your sins and turn to God.” Matthew 3:2*

**iv. Surrender** \_\_\_\_\_ **& Commit to Let Christ** \_\_\_\_\_ **Every Day**

*“23 Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23*

**4. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MY NEW COMMITMENT, SEEK TO KNOW** \_\_\_\_\_

*“17 Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:17*

**i. Learn What He** \_\_\_\_\_

**ii. Learn What He** \_\_\_\_\_

**iii. Get To Know** \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY: Get In** \_\_\_\_\_

*“16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.” 2 Timothy 3:16*

**5. AS I LEARN NEW INFORMATION,** \_\_\_\_\_, **SEEK** \_\_\_\_\_, **& TURN TO** \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS PROCESS IS CALLED** \_\_\_\_\_

*“6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” Philippians 1:6*

**6. LIVE** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, **& WITH A HEALTHY** \_\_\_\_\_

*“12 Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” Philippians 2:12*

*“10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. 11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. 12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. 13 But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, 14 for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead and Christ will give you light.” 15 So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:10-16*

*“24 “Work hard to enter the narrow door to God’s Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail. 25 When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Lord, open the door for us!’ But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ 26 Then you will say, ‘But we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ 27 And he will reply, ‘I tell you, I don’t know you or where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil.’” Luke 13:24-27*

**7. WHENEVER I MESS UP, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_ TO  
GOD'S LEADERSHIP**

*"<sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." Revelation 2:5*