

Learning and Living the Bible Together
Lessons from 2 Corinthians
2 Cor. 6:11 - 7:16

A. Holiness. How am I to be distinctly different in the world? (6:11-7:1)

1. We are to be in close relationships with followers of Christ. (Deut. 22:10)
 - a) our close, personal relationships should not be with people that are not followers of Christ
 - b) we are to be friendly with all people and build relationships within the world in which we live
 - c) we must remember He lives in us and our relationships are His relationships
2. We are to be separated to Him in our hearts and it is displayed in our life.
 - a) Recognize you are His and in His family
 - b) Repent of all sin and disobedience
 - c) Pursue Him and His will each day

—> *Am I harboring sin? Do I seek to be separated to Him and to be used by Him?*

B. Friendship. How are our relationships supposed to work within our Christian family? How are we supposed to care for one another when sin arises in our lives?

1. We are to have deep care and concern for one another and our concern should be known. (7:2-4)
2. Recognize God comforts others through us. (7:5-7)
 - comfort within the Christian family is contagious. One comforts and encourages, then the encouraged person encourages someone else. Joy, love, and happiness are contagious.
3. We are to lovingly confront one another when repentance is not occurring. (7:8-12)
 - confrontation is done with a heavy heart, with pure intentions, and cloaked in love
 - we should rejoice when we see repentance and growth in a Christian friend
 - we should give affirmation and encouragement to the Christian friend regarding their repentant actions

4. Our obedience brings joy to others. (7:13-16)

—> ***What is my impact on fellow Christians? Am I an encourager?***

C. Repentance. How are we to respond to sin? (7:9-11)

1. There is a difference between Godly regret/sorrow and worldly regret/sorrow.

- worldly sorrow addresses my pride. I regret humiliation and punishment. I am unhappy my comfort and my image have been impacted.
- Godly sorrow realizes my sin is against God. Godly sorrow realizes I have violated God's Word.
- Godly sorrow is fruitful.

2. Godly sorrow causes repentance. They are not the same.

- repentance is a change of attitude and a rejection of the sin
- repentance takes action to remove the sin due to my change of heart

3. Repentance brings change. (vv. 7,11)

4. When you repent, lay aside all guilt and rests in His grace.

5. Godly sorrow/regret leads to repentance which leads to salvation.

- salvation of our soul for eternity
- salvation for our daily Christian living

—> ***Am I harboring sin or repenting of sin?***

—> ***Am I laying aside guilt and resting in Him?***