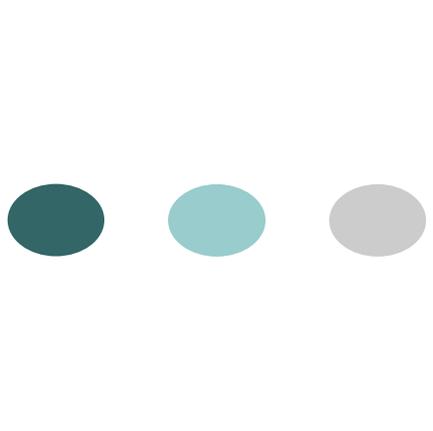


[2 Corinthians 7:5-13]

- Brought word of Corinthians change of heart toward some of their actions.
- Remember “**Ye are puffed up**”? [1 Corinthians 5:2]
- Paul’s letter has brought them to **MOURNING!**
 - *“I made you **sorry** with a letter.”* [7:8]
 - *“Ye **sorrowed** to repentance.”* [7:9]
 - *“**Godly sorrow** worketh repentance.”* [7:10]
 - *“Ye **sorrowed** after a **godly** sort.”* [7:11]



GODLY SORROW

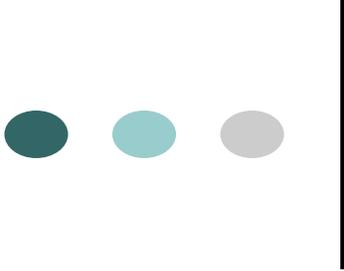
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#1. “Godly Sorrow” Results

From ***FAITHFUL REPROOF!***

- [2 Corinthians 7:8-9] “For though I made you **sorry with a letter**, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same **epistle hath made you sorry**, though *it were* but for a season...
- Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were ***made sorry after a godly manner***, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.”



“Godly Sorrow” Results From **FAITHFUL REPROOF!**

- **SALVATION** came from the **REPENTANCE** that came from the **GODLY SORROW** that came from the **PLAIN SPOKEN REBUKE!**
- Paul’s words *were* “tough”, but effective!
- Many people have been saved by means of a sermon that made them **mad**, but also made them **think**.
- Impossible produce repentance without **PAIN!**



Consider How “Tough” It Is To Deliver Such Message!

- **“For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears . . .” [2 Cor. 2:4]**
 - “Out of much tribulation and pressure of heart . . .”
 - Paul “**repented**” at one point of sending the letter!
 - Ought never to read 1 Corinthians without seeing the tear stains!

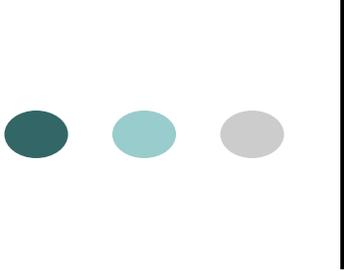
2 Timothy 4:1-4

- ***“...Preach the Word of God. Never lose your sense of urgency, in season or out of season. Prove, correct and encourage, using the utmost patience in your teaching.***
- ***For the time is coming when men will not tolerate wholesome teaching. They will want something to tickle their own fancies, and they will collect teachers who will pander to their own desires. They will no longer listen to the truth, but will wander off after man-made fictions.***
- ***For yourself, stand fast in all that you are doing, meeting whatever suffering this may involve.”***
(Phillips)



#2. **GODLY SORROW** Different From *“Sorrow Of World”*

- See 2 Corinthians 7:10.
- IS a **“SORROW”** that *IMPENITENT* know!
 - *Sorry I got caught.*
 - *Sorry for embarrassment I am suffering.*
 - *Sorry I will have to pay a penalty.*
- Such sorrow makes nothing better. Leads to bitterness, self-destruction.
- Selfish sorrow does *not consider God*.



PSALM 51:1-4

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.
- 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.



#3. **GODLY SORROW Demands** **Change!**

- See **2 Corinthians 7:11**
 - ***“What carefulness!”***
 - ***“What clearing of yourselves!”***
 - ***“What indignation!”***
 - ***“What fear!”***
 - ***“What vehement desire!”***
 - ***“What zeal!”***
 - ***“What revenge!”***
- Do we display **FRUITS** of **GODLY SORROW?**



**#4. Repentance Ought To Be Followed
By ***FORGIVENESS!*****

- See *2 Corinthians 2:6-11*.
- When one has shown fruit of repentance, it is a great discouragement to continue to be hold them guilty.
- No man ought to think himself more scrupulous than God.



James 4:6-10

- ... God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- (7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- (8) **Draw nigh to God**, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse your hands**, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
- (9) **Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep**: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
- (10) **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**