

Growing Kids God's Way

Summary Outline - Visit 13 - Chapter 13

I. Introduction

A. Defining Repentance

"Now I rejoice not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation not to be regretted, but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).

B. Regret

Repentance is not the same thing as regret.

You cannot repent without regret, but you can regret without repentance.

C. The doctrine of repentance must be understood in the context of _____.

D. The object of repentance is not the _____ itself, but the effect sin had on the relationship.

E. Repentance and Young Children

Age Consideration

1. The most ideal state of repentance for children over four years of age is relational repentance.

2. For children under four years of age, regret is present, but relational repentance is difficult.

3. Fellowship

II. Restoration

A. Restoring the relationship closes the offense and _____ it.

B. Without restoration, relationships continue in a state of _____.

III. Forgiveness

A. Repentance begins with the _____. Forgiveness begins with the person _____.

B. Forgiveness is the process, which requires _____.

C. Seeking forgiveness and saying, "I'm sorry"

1. Asking forgiveness does not mean saying, "I'm _____."

2. Saying, "I'm sorry," is to acknowledge an unintentional mistake.

3. To ask forgiveness is to acknowledge the motive of the heart.

D. Attach a confession. What is it that you have done?

IV. Restitution

A. Restitution means to make things _____.

B. Restitution is an effective _____ measure.

V. Measuring Repentance

Two Tests of Repentance

A. The most obvious test of true repentance is whether the child goes _____ back doing that for which he was just punished.

Why does this happen?

1. Parents forget to give the _____ reason why.

2. Parents give a half-hearted _____.

B. The second test of true repentance is the child's _____.

VI. Training to a False Repentance

What should a parent do if their child confesses before getting caught?

Praise your child for his honesty, but punish him for the offense. You do not rightly deal with sin by swapping it for a _____.