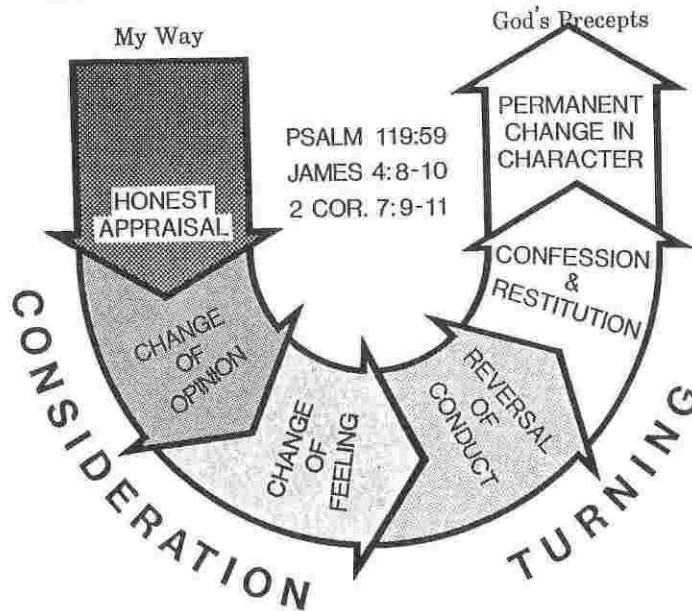


REPENTANCE



Repentance¹

True Repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9)	False Repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is willing to call sin by its worst name with no covering over or minimizing 2. Does not question the severity of the judgment or consequences 3. Is more concerned about how he has hurt God than how he appears to others 4. Is determined to stay away from anything which might lead to further temptation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is very good at reasoning; gives many explanations for why the sin “happened” 2. Compares his sin to others which are “much worse”; minimizes his own sin 3. Worries about what others would think if they knew; is careful about if or when to expose this sin 4. Sees how close to the edge he can get without falling into sin

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Repentance²

Homework Assignment

Honest Appraisal

1. Spend some time in prayer before the Lord, asking Him to grant you a pure, honest heart. Ask Him to reveal to you any areas of your life which are not according to His will.
2. Write down any of your own actions, motives, attitudes, or relationships that in any way depart from or violate what you know to be God's will for you, as He reveals them to you.

Change of Opinion

3. Refuse any excuses, rationalizations, or blaming of others which come to your mind. Describe your sin by its worst name; ask God to enable you to see it the way He sees it. Write out any "permission clauses" you may have allowed yourself to believe which justify this behavior under certain circumstances.

4. Describe in detail how your sin has affected others' lives.

² Colleen Stortvedt, *On the Road to Freedom* (Kearney, Nebraska: Morill Publishing, 2010), 213-214.

Change of Feeling

5. Ask God to wipe away any light-hearted, carefree attitudes toward this sin and enable you to mourn and grieve over it. Describe these feelings of mourning over your sin.

Reversal of Conduct

6. Describe how you plan to change your behavior in this area, being as specific as possible. Flee youthful lusts (2 Timothy 2:22) by cutting off every possible path to this sin through accountability. Cry out to Him for His strength and grace to change, knowing you cannot possibly do it with only your own resources.

Confession and Restitution

7. Describe anything you need to do to make things right (asking forgiveness of someone, paying back something you have stolen, following through on a promise, etc.)

Permanent Change in Character

8. Read through and rejoice in I John 1:9. Thank God that He is in the process of literally cleansing you of all unrighteousness so that your life will more closely mirror His character.