

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

How Do You Grieve Over Sin?

How do you tell when someone is truly repentant? How can you tell if you are truly repentant?

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| 1) Repentance is when you confess sin to God. | True / False |
| 2) Repentance is evident by crying/sorrow/grief. | True / False |
| 3) Repentance is when you resolve not to sin again. | True / False |
| 4) Repentance is when you change your behavior. | True / False |
| 5) Repentance is something you do to make yourself acceptable to God. | True / False |

2 Corinthians 7:10 » ¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* (ESV = godly grief) produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world (worldly grief) produces death.

How can you tell if your grief over sin is deadly?

1) Your concern is mainly about the _____ of your sin (Gen 4)

Genesis 4:13-14 » ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

2) Your desires remain _____, despite your grief (1 Kings 21)

1 Kings 21:4-16 » ⁴ So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food. ... ⁷ And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." ... ¹⁶ And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

3) You keep it _____ from those you most hurt. (Matt 27)

Matthew 27:3-5 » ³ Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to *that* yourself!" ⁵ And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

How can you tell if your grief over sin is producing repentance and real, godly change in your life?

1) You can identify how you _____ sinned (v.6-7)

2 Corinthians 7:6–7 » ⁶ But God... comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷ ...as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.

2) Your _____ about sin and God begins to change (v.11)

2 Corinthians 7:11 » ¹¹ For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

3) You begin to _____ pursue righteousness (v.11)

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Tomorrow may be our dying day, let this be our repenting day.

— Thomas Watson, Doctrine of Repentance

Repent and you won't regret it.



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