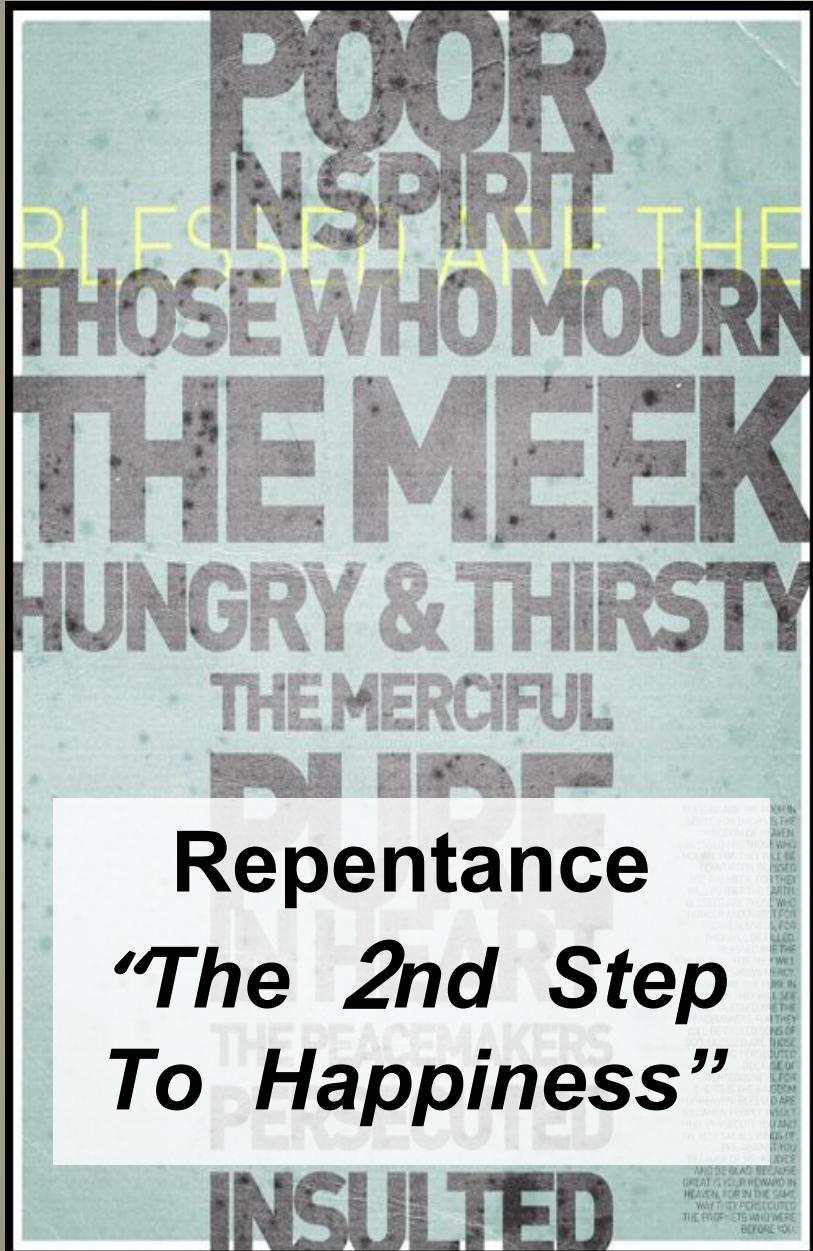


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“B2”
**Blessed are those
Who Mourn**

“Let Go of My Ego”

Vitamins are Beneficial

B Vitamins have been used for years for:

- Energy**
- Outlook**
- Strength**

Jesus Gives us some B Vitamins for:

- Energy**
- Outlook**
- Strength**

They are Called ...the Beatitudes

Have You Ever Wanted a “Do-Over”

- **Sinner**
 - No Relationship w- God
- **Sinned**
 - Relationship Hindered w- God
- **Sinned Against**
 - Relationships Hindered w- Others
- **Just Blew It!**



Blessed = Happy



*“Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted” -Matt 5:4 (NKJV)*

- **Substitute “Happy” for “Blessed”**

*“Happy are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted”*

This Doesn’t Sound Quite Right To Us – Does It?

*“Happy are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted”*

How Can Someone Be Happy When They Are...

- **in Mourning?**
- **Crying?**
- **In Sadness?**

Happiness Depends On What You Are...

- **Crying Over**
- **Crying About**



Humility



1st Step to Happiness is Humility

Humility is realizing that

- you can't fix everything.
- you don't have all the answers.
- you need God in our life.

Humility is

- Putting God in Charge.
- becoming Totally Dependant on God
- Realizing that He has All the Answers

Repentance



2nd Step to Happiness is Repentance

Repentance is realizing that...

...I have a problem in my life that:

- I can't fix.**
- God is not pleased with.**
- It is hurting my relationship with Him**

Repentance is Weeping and Mourning...

...over the Sin in My Life

"Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!" Matthew 5:4 (GNB)

Have You Ever Wanted a “Do-Over”

Good News!

God Specializes...

in...

...Do-Over's!

Comfort= *“to call near”* + *“to help- add salve”*

Have You Ever Wanted a “Do-Over”

NLT –I John 1:8, “*If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in truth*”

Sin of:

Commission (Action)

“*Transgress His Law*”

Omission (Lack of Action)

“*To Know to Do Good / Don’t*”

3 Elements of Repentance

1st- Repentance involves a U-TURN

First step to repentance is not a “*change of behavior*” ...it is a “*change of your thinking*”

Repentance = “*to think differently, to change mind*”

Repentance is:

- Thought Change
- Response to Holy Ghost Conviction
- Leads to a Change in One’s Behavior

Does Not Begin with Changing Behavior...
...it Always Begins with Changing Your
Mind

1st- Repentance involves a U-TURN

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2 NKJV

Romans 12:2 (AMP) Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

2nd- Repentance involves a CONFESSION

“(God) you’re the One I’ve violated, and you’ve seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.” Ps 51:4 (MSG)

When we have Sinned we Should

- **feel guilty** – “*in Distress*”
- **mourn over our sin** – “*cause in a Mess*”
- **Confess our sin** – “*we need to Confess*”

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to Forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 (HCSB)

3rd- Repentance involves Depending on the GRACE of GOD.

“For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift -not from works, so that no one can boast” Ephesians 2:8-9 (HCSB)

Repentance involves

- a U-Turn
- a Confession
- Depending on the Grace of God
- Changing Behavior

“Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4 (NKJV)

1 Benefits of Living a Repentant Lifestyle

1 John 1:9 (GW)

9 Hebrews 9:14 (KJV)

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

■ Action

Romans 5:1 - Therefore being *justified* by faith, we have *peace* with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

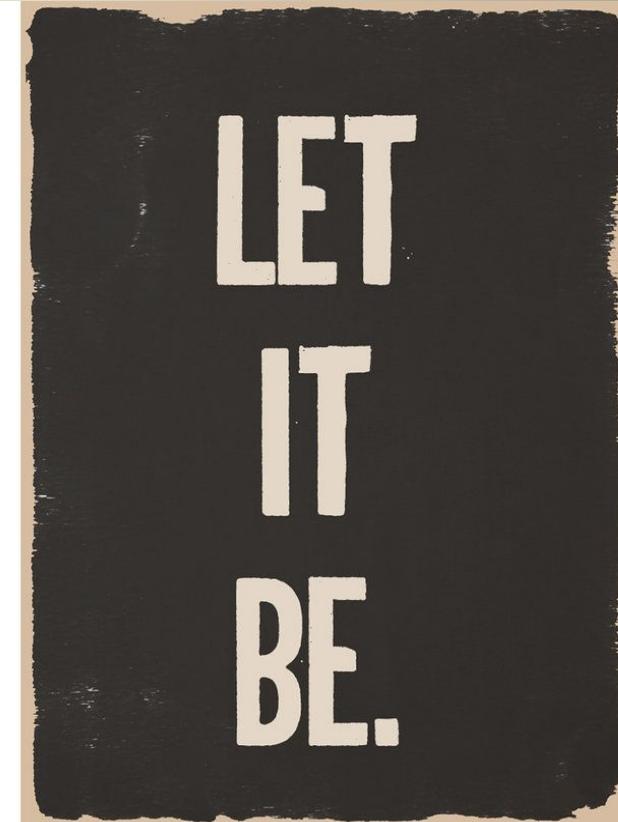
Done Over!

Freedom!!!

Benefits of Living a Repentant Lifestyle

you keep short ledger Clear conscience

FREEOM!



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sins of commission, is a category of sin describing the things we did and shouldn't have

sins of omission, are the category that encompasses the sins of not doing what we should have. We don't think as much about the sin of omission even though it is as pernicious and destructive as anything we could commit. When we know the right thing to do and don't, that's a sin.