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Lead Article **Repentance Minus Pride**

One of the great neglects of the church, the nations, and the people of today is the lack of repentance. In this article, we will first take a look at what is repentance. Then we will go into detail about what causes us not to repent, and the benefit of repenting from our sins to ourselves and to others. As said in Ezekiel 14:6, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.” Though this was said to the house of Israel, it still holds true in today.

What is repentance though? Repentance is a sincere turning away from sin to make a change in one’s life. It involves sincere apology for the wrong that was done, and a true dedication to change from those ways. It is humble and disciplined, and has the power to change attitudes and circumstances for the better. To place in plain terminology, repentance is our most effective way to make right our wrong. The power of it does not rest in us though, but in the mercy of God, “For He so loved the world...” But why is it so hard for us to repent?

The first, most obvious reason is that we fall victim to the enemy’s persuasion. The devil knows that as long as we don’t repent, we will keep the same thorn in our spirits to continue to hinder us in our growth. This persuasion is

hidden in a disguise called pride. See, our pride keeps us from doing a lot of things. We all have at one time done something wrong to someone else. Whether we tortured a fellow student in school, stole from someone close (or stole at all), physically and mentally abused our children or mates, or just ignored the command of God, we have sinned. The worse situation though, is when, because of our wrong, and the pride not to repent, some of us have ruined the lives of others. There are some people who are scarred for life because of some of the things we have done, and we would only have to repent to God, and to them to free them of that bondage which we have caused. Pride is a dangerous thing, and the Bible warns us about it numerous times. Pride is what will prevent many people from never seeing the face of God, if only we shall learn to let it go and receive the change from God. Even so, having too much pride to accept someone else’s apologies can be just as dangerous. By letting go of this pride, we can begin the healing process and make a change in our lives, and the lives of those we hurt.

Jeremiah 18:8, “If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.” Plain and simple, the only way we can receive God’s forgiveness is to repent and to be willing to forgive those who have done wrong against us. By just taking the time to say, “I’m sorry,” a person’s life can be changed. I beseech all who read this, in the name of Jesus, to review your life, and see the wrong that you have done to others; to drop the pride that has kept you from apologizing all of these years,

and go say, "I'm sorry." It only works if it's sincere though. Free yourself and them, from the bondage that you have created. Don't wait until your deathbed to realize it, but do it now, before it's too late. Imagine a student who was always told by his professor that he was nothing, so he never gained enough confidence to succeed. Even worse, imagine a child who spent their life oppressed and abused, physically or verbally, only to grow up and continue the same cycle to their own kids, and never succeed in life because they have never known their own value due to this abuse. Now imagine how much could be changed by simple repentance, telling that student, or that child, or that friend, "I'm sorry for all the wrong I've done to you. You deserved nothing but the best and I was wrong for ever treating you otherwise." The level of change could be tremendous. I challenge all to just give it a try, and when you do, sincerely, watch the power of God begin to transform you, as well as those you have hurt. This is your chance so don't let it be too late. I pray you receive this, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Health Tips

1 Corinthians 3:16

The health tip for today is to sleep, and sleep well. As a part of the UGFE Fitness Ministry, we encourage you to take care of your bodies. We would be surprised at how much a good night's sleep means to us in our everyday functions. In today's world, good sleep is almost a fairytale. It is obviously clear with all of the running around we have to do nowadays. Remember the basics though. Try to get at least 8 hours per night, but it is even better to get 9. Just from simple rest, we will notice a change in our attitudes, energy levels, and overall health, making us more efficient in the work of the Lord, and keeping His temple (us) in the best of condition.

What's New in the Ministry

Well, the first thing is this newsletter. This is a new project and one of the major outreaches of this ministry. We are grateful to be able to share this with those we care so dearly about. We plan on soon having a new P.O. Box to provide a better way of correspondence, as well as a newer, more versatile website, which will present audio clips of sermons and messages, and possibly even video, God willing. Our next financial goal is to raise money towards the IRS recognition as a 501c3 organization, and incorporation so that UGFE Ministries will exist as it's own entity and become eligible for tax-deductible benefits. And finally, we are about to increase our personal evangelism (CES meetings, seminars, fitness ministry, etc.) to a greater, more prominent level. We are here to unite and strengthen the body of Christ, and bring peace to the children of God. He is worthy of all the praise.



UGFE Ministry Institute

UGFE Ministry Institute is also undergoing a few changes and experiencing growth for the glory of God. Throughout the process of this year, we will be adding new coursework under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to provide continually increasing levels of proficiency among students and potential students. As this educational outreach grows, we expect great blessings to come from it.

One of the most recent additions is the new honorary Doctorate of Christian Leadership degree. This is awarded to those Christians that have shown outstanding leadership qualities in

pushing forth of the Gospel. They must exhibit the essence of what we believe in the true Christian lifestyle and help the children of God in the pursuit of lives of excellence. The first recipient of this prestigious award is:

Dr. Henry A. Penix, founder of
Henry A Penix Ministries
<http://www.HAPM.com/>

You have seen this man on the TBN network with his Accelerate Your Destiny program. This program offers life coaching, which helps the people of God reach their goals to change their lives. We will continue to keep you informed on the changes and breakthroughs of this ministry, and God sends us forward on the battlefield of life.

Prayers

Feel free to send us your prayer requests so that we may join you in prayer for your situation. If you'd like us to place your prayers in this newsletter or the website so that the rest of our partners and friends may also join you in prayer. I ask that you continue to hold this ministry in prayer, that we may continue to increase our service to the Lord, and touch the lives of those we come in contact with for the glory of God to be delivered. I also ask for the prayers of our Christian brethren around the world constantly facing persecution for their faith.

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Support

Lastly, if you'd like to support this ministry in any way please use the previously listed contact information. You can give offerings with checks or check cards on the website. If you wish to mail a check, please make out to Rev. Kelvin N. Broadus, and indicate the purpose it is going towards in the memo portion of the check (e.g. offering, love offering, newsletter, etc.) Once we complete our incorporation and IRS filing checks will be able to be made directly out to UGFE Ministries. Of course the one of the greatest, and none expensive ways of support is just your prayer. Thank you for all of your love.

By the grace of God,
Kelvin
