

This Is Going to Hurt (2)

- James 4:4-10 -

- A. The Christian Medical and Dental Newsletter had an article by Dr. David Stevens giving practical advice to his colleagues about cleanliness. He made some spiritual parallels to his message pointing out 3 ways for maintaining moral purity: (1) Be sensitive to sin and deal with it immediately, (2) Focus on God's holiness and purity, (3) Deal with sin with accountability and confession .
- B. This is the message of **James 4**... Clean up your act. Fellowship with the world puts you at odds with God. Resist the devil. Mourn and weep about your sin. Humble yourself...

1. _____ ?

- A. Let **Acts 17:30** and **2 Peter 3:9** explain...
- B. We need to repentance because it is a condition of our salvation (**2 Cor 7:10**). Is that the reason most people repent??
- C. The real motivate for repentance is...
1. _____ (**2 Cor 7:10**)
 2. _____ (**Rom 2:4**)
 3. _____ (**2 Peter 3:9**)
 4. _____ (**Acts 17:30,31**)
- D. If we use anything else to motivate our repentance besides those listed above, it would probably not bring true change... Repentance is the process of the recognition of sin, sorrow for sin, a change of mind (heart) toward that sin, followed by a change in action away from sin... It is like **Matt 21:28-30**...

2. _____ in _____

- A. **Hosea 3:3; 4:4-6; 12:6; 14:1-4**. What God can do for those who repent...
- B. **Joel 2:13; Micah 7:18,19**
- C. **Jonah 3:4-9** God saw their repentance. He turned from His wrath... Nahum speaks of the fall of Nineveh, because they returned to their evil way (**Nahum 1:7-9,14; 3:1**)...
- D. God attempted to get Judah to return (**Hag 2:17**). They refused. God rebuked them for their disobedience (**Hag 1:2-8**)
- E. Note God's call to repentance in **Ezekiel 33:11**.

3. _____ of _____

- A. Nothing but good can come from repentance... Note the following examples:
1. The possibility with the Pharisees and Sadducees (**Matt 3:8**)
 2. A man demoralized by sin, repents, and his sorrow turns to joy (**Psalms 32**).
 3. A penitent heart *enjoys God's grace, kindness, mercy, love, and hope* (**Psalms 51**)
 4. A change in zeal, desire, and clearing of self (**2 Cor 7:10-12**)
 5. *Repentance changes attitudes*.
 6. Zacchaeus (**Luke 19:7-9**). *Repentance brings restoring*.
 7. Sacrifice - Paul (**Philippians 3:4-7**).