Lighthouse Bible Church

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Get the Log Out of Your Eye:

Confession Brings Freedom

1. Introduction
2. Repentance is More Than a Feeling
3. Definition of Repentance: A definitive turning from evil and a resolute turning to God in total obedience.
4. Source of Repentance: God (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
5. Description of Repentance: (Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*) Three elements of repentance. The intellectual element is described as “a change of view, a recognition of sin as involving personal guilt, defilement, and helplessness.” The emotional element is “a change of feeling, manifesting itself in sorrow for sin committed against a holy God.” The volitional element is “a change of purpose, and inward turning away from sin, and a disposition to seek pardon and cleansing.” Repentance is a response of the total person.
6. Examine Yourself
7. Self-Examination (James 4:17; Psalm 32:3-5)
8. Areas to Consider
9. Using Your Tongue as a Weapon (James 3:5-8)

Different types of sinful speech:

1. Reckless Words (Prov. 12:18)
2. Grumbling and complaining (Phil. 2:14)
3. Falsehood (Prov. 24:28)
4. Gossip (Prov. 16:28)
5. Slander (Lev. 19:16)
6. Worthless talk (Eph. 4:29)

Final Warning (2 Tim. 2:16)

1. Controlling Others (Gen. 29:15-30)
2. Breaking Your Word (Matt. 5:33-37)
3. Failing to Respect Authority (Rom. 13:1-7)
4. Forgetting the Golden Rule (Matt 7:12)
5. Serving Sinful Desires
6. Improper desires for physical pleasure (1 John 2:15-17)
7. Pride and the desire to always be right (Prov. 8:13)
8. Love of money or other material possessions (1 Tim. 6:10)
9. Fear of man (Prov. 29:25)
10. Good things that we want too much.
11. Seven A’s of Confession
12. Address Everyone Involved
13. Avoid If, But, and Maybe
14. Admit Specifically
15. Acknowledge the Hurt
16. Accept the Consequences
17. Alter Your Behavior
18. Ask for Forgiveness (and Allow Time)
19. Personal Change
20. God is eager to help us to grow and change.
21. Pray (Ps. 139:23-24; Phil. 1:9-11)
22. Delight yourself in the Lord (Eph. 1:18-19; James 3:17-18)
23. Study (Rom. 8:6-8; 1 Cor. 2:9-16)
24. Practice (Phil. 4:9)
25. Conclusion