

Brokenness, Sorrow, Repentance, and Life

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

1 John 1:10

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

There is a little song that I wrote with our kids. “God’s ways are best / God’s ways are best / God’s ways are best every time.” If we really believe that, we should have no problem doing what God calls us to do. But often we don’t.

There is a way that seems right to us, the Bible says, but in the end it only leads to death (Proverbs 14:12). Death doesn’t just mean dying physically. It means so much more.

It means there is a weakening of conviction, a dimming of our eyes. Our resistance to sin wanes. We lose our ability to hear from God, to have insight into reality. We lose energy and zeal for His work. We become numb, weak, hard, and grey.

So get excited about identifying *any* areas in your life that you know are not in line with what He wants. Once you discover what needs fixing, you can repent!

Repentance is difficult. Repentance is sorrowful. Repentance is exciting. It is all about new beginnings, new life, new opportunities, freedom.

When we discover sin in our lives, let’s deal with it. Let’s *run* to the altar! Let us fall to our knees as broken people. Let us truly mourn our sin. Forgiveness and new beginnings are a prayer away! What a great opportunity to be able to identify sin that entangles us and keeps us from running a great race (Hebrews 12:1).

