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Experiencing Godly Grief

2 Corinthians 7:10

2 Cor. 7:10 For Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death...

- Biblical repentance recognizes that God is always the target of our sin.
- Seven Effects of Godly Grief:

*2 Cor. 7:11 For behold what **earnestness** this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what **eagerness** to cleanse yourselves, what **indignation**, what **fear**, what **longing**, what **zeal**, what **punishment** of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter*

Earnestness

- Seeing and assessing our sin as God sees and assesses it.
- The Spirit gives us the ability to present ourselves to God for His cleansing work.

Eagerness

- Eager to have our fellowship with God restored.

1 Cor 11:31-32 if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world

- This is a judgment that we, in agreement with the Spirit's conviction, bring against our sin that agrees with the disciplining ministry of the Spirit (Heb. 12:6-11).

Indignation

- Attitude of holy hatred for sin, which results in opposition to actual sin and to the presence of sin (Rom. 6:6).
- Indignation also seeks ways to avoid and overcome potential sin and looks for opportunities for wise and sober living (Eph.5:15; 1 Thess. 5:6,8; Titus 2:6 [KJV]; 1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8).

Fear

- Fear of the consequences of our sin as well as a spiritually healthy fear of repeating the sin.

Longing

- This is a longing for the restoration of the experience of our fellowship with God.

***Ps 51:11-12** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit*

Zeal

- Passionate desire for obedient living.

***Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works*

Punishment

- A strong determination by the Spirit for the restoration of God's honor in us.

***John 13:10** Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean*

***Col 1:10** walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him in all respects, bearing fruit [of the good works of repentance] in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...*