



The 7 Rs of the Repentance Process - Pt. 6 “Rewards”

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Psalms 37:28,29 & 34 For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake *his faithful ones*. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off; 29 the righteous (*His faithful ones*) will inherit the land and dwell in it forever...34 Wait for the Lord and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

What is repentance?

Repentance is not merely a one-time action; rather, it is an ongoing process that is crucial for individuals seeking to embody the mindset of Christ.

Repentance involves recognizing the need for a new perspective in certain aspects of life, which is crucial for personal growth and spiritual development.

The 7 R's of the Repentance Process:

- 1. Recognition and Admission:** Acknowledge and admit the wrongdoings one has committed.
- 2. Remorse and Request for Forgiveness:** Feel genuine sorrow for those actions and ask God for forgiveness.
- 3. The Remission of Sin:** Allow the Holy Spirit to restore confidence in God's faithfulness, understanding that through grace, all sins have been forgiven and abolished, so fellowship with God can be reinstated.
- 4. Refocus on Righteous Living:** Shift focus toward how to live in accordance with God's truth and promises rather than dwelling on past mistakes.
- 5. Realign thoughts, words, and actions:** Live intentionally and on purpose to align oneself with the truth of God's Word, which helps prevent distractions and temptations that hinder proper fellowship with God.
- 6. Reconciliation:** Reconciliation with God is the process of establishing a restored and harmonious communion between us and God, overcoming any estrangement caused by sin.
- 7. Rewards:**

The Reward of the Repentance Process is a Renewed Mind that will always result in *MORE* Righteous Living.

Our text scripture talks about the rewards of righteous living. It speaks of these rewards as an inheritance, but it also says that the inheritance will manifest for those who are faithful, in other words, through Righteous Living.

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."



Hebrews 11:6. “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him”.

There is no renewing of the mind to more righteous living without an increase of faith.

The Rewards of Righteous Living:

The rewards of righteous living are promised blessings, spiritual nourishment, and physical sustenance, which include peace, divine favor, guidance, protection, and provision.

Spiritual and psychological rewards

The Reward of Peace with God and Peace of Mind:

Righteous Living allows one to experience a deep sense of inner peace. This peace comes from being free from guilt and condemnation and trusting in God's love, acceptance, and faithfulness.

The Reward of Satisfaction and fulfillment:

Matthew 5:6 "those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... will be filled".

This refers to spiritual nourishment that fills the void within, something worldly pleasures cannot provide. It allows us to be content in the now and still have great expectations for the future.

The Reward of Joy in the Holy Spirit:

As a spiritual reward, the righteous can be filled with the Holy Spirit. He brings Wisdom, Presence, and Power, leading to a profound sense of joy and fulfillment in serving God.

Divine Guidance and Protection:

The Reward of Protection - Righteous Living ensures Divine oversight and protection from God, acting as a shield and a guide.

Psalms 18:2 (NLT) The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

The Reward of Guidance:

God promises to guide us as we trust Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

The Reward of Answered Prayers:



The prayers of the righteous are considered powerful and effective, receiving special attention from God.

James 5:16-17 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Growth and influence

The Reward of Spiritual Growth: As we commit to righteous living, we can experience spiritual transformation.

Ephesians 4:11-13 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

This is why belonging to an intended church regularly is so important that God made it a command.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NLT) Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm (*our confessions*), for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

The Reward of Being a Godly Influence:

Righteous Living enables us to be a positive influence on our family, our assembly, and the world.

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity".

Righteous Living allows us, regardless of age, to demonstrate positive influence through our character and actions, becoming an example not only to the world but also to other believers.

The Reward of Provisions:

The righteous are promised that their needs will be met, and Godly desires will be fulfilled.

Philippians 4:19 (AMP) And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.



Honor and Favor

The Reward of Lasting Honor:

Righteous Living can bring a heavenly honor that is far more valuable than earthly honor, which is temporary.

Proverbs 21:21 (NLT) Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honor.

The Reward of Favor:

Righteous Living allows us to walk in the favor of God and with humanity.

Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man".

Psalms 5:12 "For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield".

The Reward of Stability:

Righteous Living allows us to live a life that can be compared to a tree planted by streams of water,

Psalms 1:3 (NLT) They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

The Reward of Increase:

Righteous living will bring forth increase in every area of our lives, from divine health to divine wealth.

3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Psalms 115:12-15 The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. 13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, Both small and great. 14 May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children. 15 May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Righteous living qualifies us for the transfer of wealth.

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 (NIV) To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.

The essence of the matter is this: The Reward of the Repentance Process is a Renewed Mind that will always result in *MORE* Righteous Living.

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The Reward of Righteous Living is an Abundant Life. Embracing righteousness leads to a Life of purpose filled with blessings, divine favor, and empowerment.

Choosing Righteous Living brings greater joy and satisfaction than worldly pursuits, leading to a meaningful life filled with purpose, Godly character, and lasting Increase.