


**The gift of repentance**



**Luke 19:1-10**

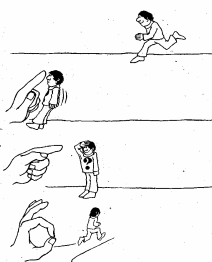
**Repentance**

Carrying on regardless


Not so fast! Whoa!!

'I'm so sorry'

'I'll go Your way'



**Repentance – a gift !**



- God exalted him... that he might **give** repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. Acts 5:31
- "We can see that God has also **given** the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life." Acts 11:18 NLT
- In the hope that God will **grant** them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth. 2 Tim 2:25
- Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, ..... not realising that God's **kindness** leads you toward repentance? Rom 2:4

**True repentance**

- ✗ **Not just saying sorry, even with lots of tears**
- ✓ **But changing your mind (and actions) for next time.**

**True repentance involves..**

- ☺ **A change of values**
- ☺ **A change of belief system**
- ☺ **A change of lifestyle**
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- ☺ **That is just what Zach did!** ☺☺

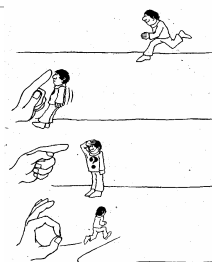
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Stop sinning

Confess

Turn from your sin

Do the opposite




**Stop, confess, turn and do the opposite**

- ☺ **1. Stop sinning** 'Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning...' 1 Cor 15:34
- ☺ **2. Confess your sin** 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness' 1 Jn 1:9
- ☺ **3. Turn from your sin** 'Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness' 2 Tim 2:19
- ☺ **4. Do the opposite** 'He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need' Eph 4:21

**The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power**

- You cannot receive freedom from self-help or positive thinking.
- You cannot earn freedom or strive for it.
- Sheer human will cannot bring lasting change.
- You cannot wish away your bondage.
- There must be a spiritual transaction!

**That transaction is the wonderful gift of repentance which with the five Rs brings lasting change !**



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