



... For Change

²⁷“The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted, “Don't harm yourself! We are all here!” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household.” ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God - he and his whole family.” ~ Acts 16:27-34

Difference in Godly Sorrow and Worldly Sorrow

1. Godly sorrow leads to **action**.

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”” ~ Acts 2:37

Worldly sorrow **paralyzes people**.

2. Godly sorrow leads us **to God**.

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ~ Acts 2:38

Worldly sorrow leads people to **avoid God**.

3. Godly sorrow connects us to the **church**.

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” ~ Acts 2:41

Worldly sorrow causes people to **withdraw**.

4. Godly sorrow **restores joy**.

⁴⁶“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” ~ Acts 2:46-47

Worldly sorrow **breeds despair**.

How To Be Open To God

1. Listen to God **throughout your day**.

2. Listen to God's voice **in the words of other people**.

“As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.”” ~ Acts 24:25

3. Set aside time to **examine your heart and life**.

²³“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” ~ Psalm 139:23-24