




## Applying Truth to Correct Sin and Prevent Future Disobedience | Application


 **READ: 1 John 1:8-9; Ezekiel 18:28**


 **WRITE:** What are the potential consequences of denying personal sin?

 What are the benefits of confessing rather than denying sin?

 **Psalm 51:1-12**

This psalm was written by David and reflects a desire for forgiveness for his sin.

 Using verses 1-6, write all the characteristics of God that are evident during the process of David's repentance and God's forgiveness of sin.

 Focusing on the action words in verses 7-12, identify the ways God purifies and restores a sinner who seeks forgiveness.

 **Luke 3:8a**


John the Baptist told the Pharisees to produce fruit in keeping with repentance.


The enemy wants us to live with the shame and defeat that personal sin creates. To the contrary, Jesus wants us to experience continual victory and freedom that confession of sin and repentance, or genuine heart change, produces.

 **2 Corinthians 7:10**


 What are the distinct differences between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?

Those who live in unrepentance continually deal with the consequences of poor choices, while those who pursue a proactive lifestyle work to correct undesired behavior patterns by repenting and turning from sin.


 **REMEMBER:** It is important to understand that the fruits produced from the inner attitudes of our hearts and minds are displayed through our outward actions and behaviors.


 **FISHING FOR MEN:** How will you explain to those you disciple the benefits of becoming increasingly proactive in their pursuit of Christ?

 **Romans 12:2**

 How does genuine transformation occur?


 What are the differences between behavior modification and spiritual transformation?

 **Mark 14:38; James 4:7**

 Why is it necessary to solicit and depend on the Holy Spirit's help to overcome temptation?


 **Jeremiah 42:3**


Obedience is developed through both direction and action. In other words, obedience to God is reflected in following His ways and resembling His character.

 Develop the habit of asking yourself the following two questions. Doing so will prompt you to consider whether your direction is pleasing to God and your activity will glorify Him.

- Where am I going?
- What am I doing?

 **Psalm 119**

 List below as many words and phrases that reflect the psalmist's proactive steps in faithfully follow the Lord.

 **TO ENCOURAGE:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (**Ephesians 6:10-11**)