

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE
Repentance & Prosperity

- I. **Repentance deals with heeding correction and adjusting-Rv3:19**-As many as I **love** (wish well), I **rebuke** (tell a fault, correct) and **chasten** (train, teach, instruct, discipline): be **zealous** (eager, ready to act) therefore and repent-**Mt11:20**-Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they could have repented long ago sackcloth and ashes
- A. God wants things to go well for you and so if you're doing anything that threatens your well-being God will correct it-3Jn2, Ps35:27
- B. Repentance is the only appropriate response to correction-The other options is to stiffen up and not change
- C. Be ready to repent, be eager to repent-Don't be shocked when you get corrected; Imperfection needs correction-**Hb12:5**-Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord nor faint *WHEN* thou art rebuked of him
- D. Does a believer need to repent?-He's talking to churches, to believers
- II. **Prosperity and repentance: If you want to prosper and experience the fulness of God's plan, then you must walk in the light you have and repent when he corrects you-Pr28:13**-He that **covereth** (conceal) his sins shall not **prosper** (advance, succeed, make progress): but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy-**Pr29:1**-He that being often reprov'd hardens his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy
- A. Cover or confess?-This determines what you experience after you miss it - Mercy and prosperity or being destroyed
1. Covering is not repenting-To cover it means that you see and know it's wrong (you wouldn't be trying to cover it)
2. Confess and forsake-That's how you handle sin and missing it
- B. One big thing that will foster your prosperity is when you see that you're wrong, repent quickly-Job's prosperity returned when he repented-**Jb42:6**-Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.¹⁰And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.
- C. Things can be removed because of a refusal to repent-To wake you up-**Rv2:5**-Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent-**Haggai**
- D. To see you're wrong and not repent is one of the most serious things you can do and it's one of the things that grieves God the most because it affects your well-being and there is no remedy for it-2Co12:21-And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall **bewail** (grieve/mourn) many which have sinned already and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed