“Remorse”

2Samuel 12:1-7

**Introduction:**

1. We All Do Things Wrong from Time to Time.
2. How Quickly Do You Recognize When Wrong Happens?
3. Remorse –
   1. Regret, Sorrow, Repentance, Penitence, Shame!

**Discussion:**

1. **All of Us Encounter Temptation, and Sometimes Even Succumb to it.**
   1. The apostle Paul spoke of this battle and just how unnerving it can be! (Rom. 7: 15-25).
      1. We fight this same battle nearly everyday!
   2. It is so important that we recognize this battle.
      1. (1Cor. 10:3-7), daily spiritual battle, (warfare).
   3. Do you recognize when this happens?
      1. What do you do?
      2. Do you feel remorse? “Remorse” – 1) the keen or hopeless anguish caused by a sense of guilt 2) distressing self-reproach.
   4. How do you deal with guilt? Willfully accept it, **fight it (forced),** or do not accept it?
      1. Let us look at some biblical examples to better help you identify which way!
2. **Willfully Accept Guilt – “godly sorrow and remorse.”**
   1. (Mat. 27:1-4) Judas Iscariot.
   2. (2Cor 7:8-10) Church at Corinth.
      1. (vs.10) “Godly Sorrow” – **“sorrow to God”** getting the results God desires!
3. **To Fight It (guilt) – “Forced Remorse.”**
   1. (1Sam 15:10-15) Saul destroying the Amalekites - (vs. 24) Saul’s “forced remorse.”
   2. (2Sam 12:1-7) David & Bathsheba – (vs. 13) David’s “forced remorse.”
   3. **“The worst thing about being accused of a crime, is knowing you are guilty!”**

1. One must respond eventually to warnings and teachings!

1. **Do Not Accept Guilt at All – “Lost Eternally.”**
   1. Pharaoh – Never accepted guilt, both imprisonment nor for the plagues!
   2. Rejection of guilt of Chorazin, Bethsaida, & Capernaum – (Mat. 11:20-24).

**Conclusion:**

1. **Have You Identified How You Respond to Guilt?**
2. **We Must All Feel Remorse & Godly Sorrow for Our Wrongdoings!**
   1. Hopefully we do not need much prodding, and we accept the help of others!
3. **Non-acceptance Is Death,**
   1. It begins by recognizing that one “MUST” put on Christ to be saved!