

SIN MANAGEMENT VS. REPENTANCE

INTRO: Source of healing

I. PAIN

A. Contrast in Luke 15 parable

B. Escape into pleasure

C. Part of life and healing - II Cor. 7:10

- binding of the bag 'I' avoid death of
flesh at any cost.

II. SIN MANAGEMENT - Luke 15:25-32 - Both had lost first love

Older brother

A. Mind

1. No awareness of sin -
pointing finger at brother
Self + R, ingratitude, bitterness
angel + up-tight, miserable
2. Comparisons to brother
horizontal - play games
no real 'mind' change about sin
look at sin as desirable
3. must change mind

- escape into pleasure-producing
behavior. Made moral
choices to take temporary
pleasure instead of falling
in love with Jesus
We take perverse pleasure
in our pain + guilt + misery

B. Emotions

1. Loved sin - allowed it to exert much power over him
felt - miserable, self-pity
2. felt convicted - remorse

Closest compulsions:

Self-hated, worry,
sex, entertainment,
adrenaline high from worry
sleeping,
voluntarily surrendering
ourselves to any
closest compulsions the
root is sin

3.

Conviction is not the goal - it has no value apart from turning to Christ

C. Will

Isa. 30:15 But you were not willing

1. we will do anything to avoid repentance
 - to give up temporarily - dreading the consequences
 - for duty
 - for pragmatic reasons: I'd better stop
2. Hypocritical hiding - excuses, defended, cover-up
 - exchanged one sin for another - heart remains unchanged
 - avoid conversation about it - afraid to become accountable
 - heart became hardened, conscience seared
3. II Cor. 5:14
 - feelings dried up

4. penance - functioning - seeking enough grace to pacify his own conscience - no bending of the big I

III. TRUE REPENTANCE - Luke 15: 11-24

Sin is an excrement not an ornament

Psalm 119:59

A. Mind

- Jer. 17:9

- came to a new awareness of ugliness of sin
As to be a work of the Spirit

1. Escaped from the pain of his own compulsive behavior - BUT 'he came to his senses' - how long from the time he began to be in need to repentance
drew his heart away from his Father

2. Jer. 9:3

whom they knew me not they went from sin to sin
Exposed profound ignorance of the character of his father -

3. James 1:21, Is. 30:22 (NIV)

filth

4.

degrading & damaging sin is

5.

burden of sin

6. Ps. 38:4 - my iniquities go over my head
7. Heb. 3:13, Rom. 7:11 - deceitfulness of sin
8. imprisoned - I was held in obstinacy of my own will
9. spiritually sick - no taste for Word - don't pamper
10. Acts 16:27 - absurdity of sin - actually gratifying the enemy when cruelty - give a stab to our soul

B. Emotions

1. Ps. 38:17, II Cor. 7:9, Ps. 51:17
 getting in touch with real pain - sorrow, grief - leads to repentance - holy agony - heart broken grieved over offenses to the father - deep sadness
2. Jer. 6:16 - "couldn't even blush" true shame. how ungrateful he'd been what a fool he'd been, for so long the devil had stolen away his shame
3. Is. 6:5 true hatred of sin - now he didn't love his sins anymore became undone - unglued

C. Will

1. Ps. 51:4, Neh. 9:33 - I will get up and go I will say - confession - I will say I have sinned acknowledging his wrong - took responsibility for his own actions - You God have been just

a. resolved not to return to it - it lessens the accusations of the enemy. He who conceals his transgression will not prosper

b.

c. I Cor. 11:31, Prov. 28:13

2. I will go - forsake - dying to sin - burying the life I into the sea of Christ's love

a. Gal. 2:20 - turned to his father where healing could take place

b.

c. Prov. 9:12

IV. KINDNESS OF GOD

A. Mercy - Rom. 2:4, Heb. 4:16 - drew him back home
Kindness of God leads us to repentance
older brother + his sin were frozen together all these years.

B. "Prodigal Son" excerpt