

Everyone Makes Mistakes

- Human Error in judgment – Some have no moral component just actions bringing a wrong outcome.
- The wrong line on measuring cup; Ruin dinner
- Misread tape measure waste expensive material
- Inattention at a signal / stop sign, take wrong turn, get lost, cause an accident; get a ticket; lose a life.
- A bad decision on job that costing time/money
- Magnitude of consequences depend on the job.
- Architect on skyscraper – Loss of millions/billions
- Airline pilot – loss of many lives
- Recall of 10,000's of products.

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- How we respond reveals our character.
- **become angry**, frustrated or bitter; and never finish the project; respond in anger if brought up
- **seek to hide** the mistake and leave job looking poorly finished; never admit to mistake.
- **acknowledge the mistake**, pay the price and do the job right

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- I'm only human," "everyone makes mistakes" "nobody's perfect" are American Proverbs.
- Scripture gives Greater Detail:
- *There is a way which seems right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death. Pr. 16:25*
- *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps. Jer. 10:23*

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- *Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing that will come after him. Eccl 7:13-14*
- *I returned and saw under the sun that — The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all. Eccl 9:11*

Errors that are not Mistakes

- Some errors in judgment are moral decisions that hurt God and our fellow man.
- God calls such mistakes:
- Sin Transgression Rebellion
- Wickedness Unrighteousness Ungodliness
- Impurity Iniquity Uncleanliness
- Evil Defilement Trespass
- How do we respond to these sins?
- Initially – same way we respond to our mistakes.
- It is difficult for a worldly person to differentiate.

Errors that are Sin – Inside

- Anger: Bitter, jealous, frustrated. Jonah
- Act like nothing happened. David
- Quit Judas
- Haughty: Ignore and Deny Pharisees
- Humble: Sorrow and Apology. True disciple

Errors that are Sin – Outside

- Irritation, Stress, Malice, Wrath
Crowds who heard Jesus/Stephen
- Sulk, Refuse to talk,
Korah toward Moses
- Annoyed, Sneer, Cutting Remarks Persecute
Israel when hearing Jeremiah/Prophets
- Cut to heart with godly sorrow
Those who heard Peters Sermon

God's Expectations For Sin – Errors

- *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*
Acts 17:30-31
- All Men Everywhere Repent

What is Repentance

- “*metanoia... [metanoeo] a change of mind: as it appears in one who repents of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done,... (Thayer, p. 405-406).*
- “*metanoeo ... to change one’s mind, i.e. to repent(to feel sorry that one has done this or that...)... to change one’s mind for the better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins... (Thayer p. 405; 3340*

Repentance Illustrated

- *For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. 2Cor. 7:7-11*

Godly & Worldly Sorrow

- *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:37-38*
- *54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; Acts 7:54, 57*

The Real Power of Repentance

- *"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. Lk 15:4-7*