

# The Product of Biblical Repentance

## 2 Corinthians 7:11

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.

The prerequisite for biblical repentance is godly sorrow.

### 1. External Action: Diligence (“Diligence”)

What am I willing to do to make sure that I do not commit this sin again?

### 2. External Action: Defense (“Clearing of yourselves”—an eagerness to prove one’s present innocence)

What am I willing to do to regain a righteous testimony?

### 3. Internal Attitude: Displeasure (“Indignation”)

How much does my sin really bother me?

### 4. Internal Attitude: Dread (“Fear”)

Do I fear this sin enough that I will be aware of its danger at all times?

### 5. Internal Attitude: Desire (“Vehement desire”)

How badly do I want to be free from this sin and right with the Lord?

### 6. Internal Attitude: Dedication (“Zeal”)

Am I truly dedicated to ridding my life of this sin?

### 7. External Action” Discipline (“Vindication”)

What am I willing to do to make amends for or obtain justice for this sin?