

Does the man in the mug shot look sorry? Well, he was sorry all right, but mostly just sorry he got caught.

I know - It's a picture of me.

The mug shot was taken in 1977. I had been in-and-out of so many jails since 1964, I lost count. I was an alcoholic, a drug addict, and try as I might, I just couldn't change.

Back to jail in '78 - 6 months. Back again in '79 - 4 more months. I was so miserable, for the first time in my life - at age 30 - I picked up a Bible! What I discovered changed my life!

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."
(2nd Corinthians 7:10)

What 's the difference between
GODLY SORROW
and
WORLDLY SORROW?

GODLY SORROW
brings repentance.

REPENTANCE
is the Bible term for
CHANGE.

(Repent means "to turn from living in the sinful ways of the world and to turn to living with and for Jesus.")

If sorrow does not bring about
CHANGE,
it's not Godly sorrow.

Sorrow with no change is only
worldly sorrow, and
WORLDLY SORROW
brings death,
and as far as I'm concerned,
jail isn't livin' -
jail is a "walking death."

It wasn't 'till I read the Bible and
saw how I had broken God's Law
that I ever knew and experienced
GODLY SORROW.

God's Law: The 10 Commandments

(from Exodus 20)

- I. I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other Gods before Me.**
Put God first in your life! Today, a "god" may be anything a person allows to rule their daily life - gods of other religions, superstitions, horoscopes, addictions, greed, etc.
- II. You shall not make for yourself an idol.**
Put your faith in God only - not in statues of gods of other religions, crystals, pictures, amulets, charms, etc.
- III. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.**
Treat God's name with respect. Don't use His name as a curse word, or in a common way, or in making promises, or any other way.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
God asks for one day out of seven. Use it to worship Him and fellowship with other Christians.

V. Honor your father and your mother.

Treat your parents with respect, no matter what. If they act in such a way as to not deserve your respect, give it anyway. Don't lower your actions to match theirs.

VI. You shall not murder.

Life and death should be left in God's hands. Personal revenge belongs to God. Jesus even equated hating and cursing one another with murder.

VII. You shall not commit sexual sins.

Stay true your spouse. Keep yourself sexually pure for your future spouse. Reserve sex for only within marriage.

VIII. You shall not steal.

Respect others' possessions. No shoplifting, no cheating on taxes or cheating other people.

IX. You shall not bear false witness.

Be trustworthy. No lying. Don't falsely accuse or blame others. Don't gossip. Keep your promises.

X. You shall not covet.

Be content with what you have. Don't long for things belonging to others. Seek wisdom and good character, not riches.

How'd you do? I realized I was a lying, thieving, adulterer, who was disrespectful to my parents and to God.

As I thought about how God loved me, and Jesus died for me, I realized that I was guilty - not just before man's court, but in the eyes of God!

I knew that what I was doing was wrong, and I did it anyway! I knew my language was wrong, and I cursed anyway! The way I was living was offensive and disrespectful to God!

For the first time in my life, I was sorry
- sorry with a Godly sorrow!

I made up my mind to
TURN AWAY FROM my sins, and
not just depend on my own will-power,
but to

TURN TO
Jesus Christ.

In fact, I told Jesus:

I'm sorry I have sinned.
I'm sorry I've offended and
disrespected You.

Thank You for dying on the cross
for my sins, for paying the price so I
can be forgiven.

*The Bible says:
"The wages of sin is death..."*

Thank You for rising from the dead so I
can have a new life.

*"...but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord."
-Romans 6:23*

**Jesus, I trust You.
please be my Savior.**
*"...all who receive Him...
become children of God..."
-John 1:12*

**Jesus,
please forgive me,
and please take my life -
do with me whatever You want.
Amen.**

My friend, I "discovered" this truth in 1979
when I was in jail - a drunk and a drug-
addict. In fact, God had been "knocking at
the door of my life" for 15 years as I was in-
and-out of many jails. I'm grateful He didn't
give up on me! I'm grateful I didn't
overdose or get killed in a drunken car
wreck before God finally got through my
thick skull.

I am convinced today that worldly sorrow
can only produce outward, surface changes
and will never bring about legitimate and
lasting change.

But Godly sorrow that brings true
repentance can lead to salvation! Biblical
salvation is an inward change - a change of
the heart - in which God gives new life to a
dead sinner.

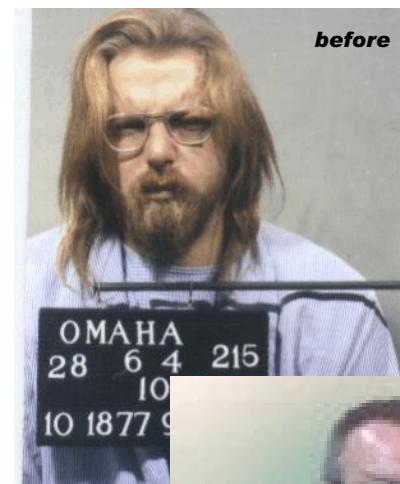
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**...when
we
come
to know
and experience Godly sorrow.**

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