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Discover God's Wisdom
for Today's Challenges

FOOLISH
WORLD

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Today's
Wisdom
Thought is:

**I CHOOSE GODLY SORROW
OVER WORLDLY SHAME**

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

REPENTANCE

1st

**GODLY SORROW IS A RESULT OF HOLY SPIRIT
CONVICTION THAT LEADS TO LIFE!**

- 1 / Knowing God
- 2 / Finding Freedom
- 3 / Discover Purpose
- 4 / Make A Difference

2nd

**WORLDLY SHAME IS ALL ABOUT REGRET
THAT LEADS TO DEATH**

1 Samuel 3:8-10 — A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 8:6-8 — But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you."

Leviticus 26:3,10-12 — ³ "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands ...

¹⁰ "You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new. ¹¹ I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. ¹² I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people."

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TWO OPPOSITES THE CORE DIFFERENCE

GODLY SORROW

"I sinned."

Leads to repentance

Draws you to God

Produces life

Conviction

WORLDLY SHAME

"I am worthless."

Leads to regret

Pushes you away from God

Produces spiritual death

Condemnation

1 John 1: 5-10 — This is the message we have heard from him, and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him, and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful, and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his Word is not in us.