

REFOCUSING YOUR PRIORITIES

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What Causes a Change of Heart?

NOT PRESSURE

NOT GUILT

NOT TIME

• I EXPERIENCE PAIN

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• I BELIEVE GOD WANTS THE BEST FOR ME!

"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17 (NIV)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him..." Romans 15:13a (NIV)

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"Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." Romans 12:2 (Msg)

• I KNOW GOD'S TRUTH

"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash." Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

*"Listen carefully to wisdom; set your mind on understanding.
Cry out for wisdom, and beg for understanding.
Search for it like silver, and hunt for it like hidden treasure.
Then you will understand respect for the Lord,
and you will find that you know God." Proverbs 2:2-5 (NCV)*

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"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 (CEV)

- I DO WHAT GOD SAYS!

"Do the things that show you really have changed your hearts and lives."
Matthew 3:8 (NCV)

"Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it!" Colossians 2:7 (Msg)

"Did you think that because He's such a nice God, He'd let you off the hook? Better think this one through from the beginning. God is kind, but He's not soft. In kindness He takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life change." Romans 2:4 (Msg)

What gets in the way?

- Fear
- Substitution
- Perfection
- Anger
- Procrastination

"I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven."
Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)

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