

## 2 Samuel 12 - "The Marks of Repentance"

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- 6) When God says "no", \_\_\_\_\_ and look to \_\_\_\_\_
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- a. Call sin " sin "
- b. Own it !
- c. Recognize Jesus as your LORD
- 4) True repentance seeks to get right with God
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Have you ever had a fellow Christian rebuke you or point out your sin? What did you like about their approach? What could they have done better?

**2)** Sometimes it can be hard to know when you should try to rebuke a fellow Christian. Consider these questions to help you make that decision.

- Is this a clear sin issue?
- Is my life free from similar sin?
- Do I love this person?
  - How have I shown my love for them? (1 Cor. 13:1-8)
- Is my purpose to *restore* them to the LORD, or simply to show myself as “right”? (Galatians 6:1)
- Have I been praying for this person?
- Do I have a relationship with this person that allows me to speak into their life?
- Do I think God is leading me to talk with this person?
- How would I want somebody to come to me if I was the one in sin? (Matthew 7:12)
- Is this person a Christian? If this person is an unbeliever, don't try to help them fix a specific sin issue. Instead, try to help them see their need for Jesus and share the gospel with them!
- Is this person already *fighting* against this sin? If so, they don't need your rebuke - they need your encouragement! These questions are for fellow believers who refuse to acknowledge their sin, and/or are trying to hide it.

Using the bullet points above as reference, how can you better love and serve fellow believers who are in sin?

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