

Solution to Study 0012

- A. Using statements like, “A permanent change from ... to” and “A turning away from ... and a turning to” please give at least four possible definitions of repentance from dead works.

Repentance for dead works is:

- (a) A permanent change from doing things that have no life to doing things that have the life of God.*
- (b) Turning away from engaging in activities that lead to death, and a turning to doing things that lead to eternal life.*
- (c) To permanently change from activities which God has not approved to engaging in activities which are only approved by God.*
- (d) Turning away from doing things with wrong motives, and turning to doing things from a pure heart.*
- (e) A permanent change from engaging in carnality to engaging in spiritual things.*
- (f) A turning away from religious formalism (like going to church, with no corresponding change in behaviour) and turning to a vibrant relationship with God.*
- (g) A permanent change from ineffectual, lifeless praying to effectual, result-oriented praying.*

Etc.

- B. It is one thing to be able to define repentance from dead works; it is another thing to actually do repent with the evidence of such repentance. If we are to show forth the fruit of true repentance what do we need to do?

- *Ephesians 2:1-6 We must cease from following the lusts and desires of the flesh*
- *Ephesians 4:21-24 We must put off the old nature, and we must put on the new man, having renewed our minds*
- *John 5:30 We must seek to hear from God and do what He wants us to do*
- *Acts 10:38 we need to be anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power*
- *Galatians 5:16-23 We must walk in the Spirit, and not in the flesh*
- *Hebrews 12:1-2 We need to constantly look unto to the Lord Jesus, and do as He does*
- *Hebrews 5:8 We must be obedient to God at all times*

C. Please carefully read the following scripture verses and state whether or not you agree or disagree with the statements that follow.

Proverbs 25:4-5; 16:25; Isaiah 1:25-26; Ezekiel 22:18-22; Malachi 3:1-4; Proverbs 21:8.

- a) As long as I believe that what I am doing is not hurting anyone, it is good works.
Agree | Disagree
- b) Anything that I do that puts the devil to shame is dead works. Agree | Disagree
- c) Silver is silver; dross or no dross. Agree | Disagree
- d) The dross of silver is like dead works that seem to be good works. Agree | Disagree
- e) Until dead works are removed from the life of a Christian, he will remain unfruitful.
Agree | Disagree
- f) Our spiritual progress can be hindered by 'dross'. Agree | Disagree
- g) So long as what I am doing is good, my motive is insignificant. Agree | Disagree
- h) To be sure that what I am about to do is good works, I must of necessity hear from God. Agree | Disagree
- i) If I am pure, all that I do will be good works. Agree | Disagree

Conclusion

- Doing what looks *good* or what seems *right* does *not make it* good works.
- The dross of silver makes silver to look *dull*, but when it is removed, it makes silver *sterling/shine*.
- Repentance from dead works involves *removing/not engaging in* activities that *lead* to *death* from our *lives/ministry*.
- Repentance from dead works is *turning away* from doing works that do not have the *life* of *God*.
- Repentance from dead works means that I must begin to *do good works*.
- After we have finished with repentance from dead works, the next foundational truth is *faith towards God*.