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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

The Evils of Pornography (R. Earl)  
**(Romans 13:13-14)**

##### PM Sermon

Closing Lesson (Praschnik)

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

Disobedience to Parents (V. Smith)

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

Proverbs 26:10 – R. Earl

##### **In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way**

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on Channel 19 Sundays @ 8am

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### Thoughts from the Preacher

#### **“Better Off”**

Man is better off when we stop complaining and start counting. No person can complain when they count their blessings.

Don't think monetary or material but spiritual.

Money is fleeting and materials decay but the spiritual blessings from God endure for eternity.

### **Repentance: The Most Difficult Command**

From the “Truth for the World” website

The word “repent” in its various forms occurs more than 100 times in the [Bible](#). This shows the great importance of repentance. Nearly every church requires repentance from [sin](#) of those who wish to be members. However, repentance is a greatly misunderstood command of God. It is also a very difficult command. Some have said it is the most difficult command in all the Bible.

### **WHAT IS REPENTANCE?**

Sometimes the best way to learn the meaning of a word is first to look at what it is *not* before looking at what it *is*. Many people think repentance is just being sorry for one’s sins. This is *not* what repentance is! The apostle Paul wrote: For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, a repentance which bringeth no regret: but the sorrow of the world worketh death (2 Corinthians 7:10). If one is sorry for the sins he has committed, it will cause him to repent of them. On Pentecost Day, the Jews who heard Peter preach Christ pricked in their heart. This shows they were very sorry for their sin of crucifying Jesus, but their sorrow for sin was not repentance. Peter still had to tell them to Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins (Acts 2:37-38).

If repentance is not being sorry for one’s sins, then what is repentance? According to all the teaching of the Bible, repentance is a change of one’s mind toward sin. It is produced by godly sorrow for one’s sins. The result of this change of mind toward sin will be a change of life. A good example of what is involved in repentance is a parable that Jesus told: But what think ye? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in the vineyard. And he answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented himself, and went (Matthew 21:28-29). The son disobeyed his father. When he regretted (was sorry) for his disobedience, he changed his mind about his decision. He then did what his father had asked him to do.

Repentance involves restitution. “Restitution” means that we will make right the things we have done wrong in so far as possible. If one

has murdered another person, he can not restore that person back to life. He can, however, help the widow and children of the man he has killed. If one has stolen money from another person, when he repents, he must return the money he has stolen. John the Baptist told the Pharisees and Sadducees: Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance (Matthew 3:8).