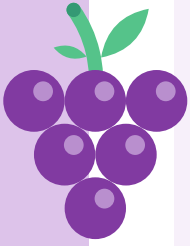




How Do You Know if He's Repented?



- **Scriptures that support enforcing consequences.**
- **Is your pastor's advice sound?**
- **When separation is the wisest choice.**
- **How do you know when it's safe to work on reconciliation?**

Scripture List

They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. Titus 1:16

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. 2 Timothy 3:2

Warn a divisive man once, warn him twice, after that have nothing to do with them. Titus 3:10

Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. Ephesians 5:11

The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty (Proverbs 22:3).

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Galatians 6:7

A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty; rescue them, and you will have to do it again (Proverbs 19:19).

KEY POINTS:

Consequences, including separation, are warranted when your partner is unrepentant.

Unconditional love does not mean unconditional relationship.

Pastors are often not equipped to handle destructive marriages. The advice and counsel they give to one couple experiencing disappointing issues in their marriage are not effective in a marriage when abuse is present. Abuse is not a marriage problem. It causes marriage problems.

In order for reconciliation to occur there must be trust. Trust is the most important factor in order to establish safety and security.

**By their
fruit
you'll recognize
them.**

Matthew 7:16

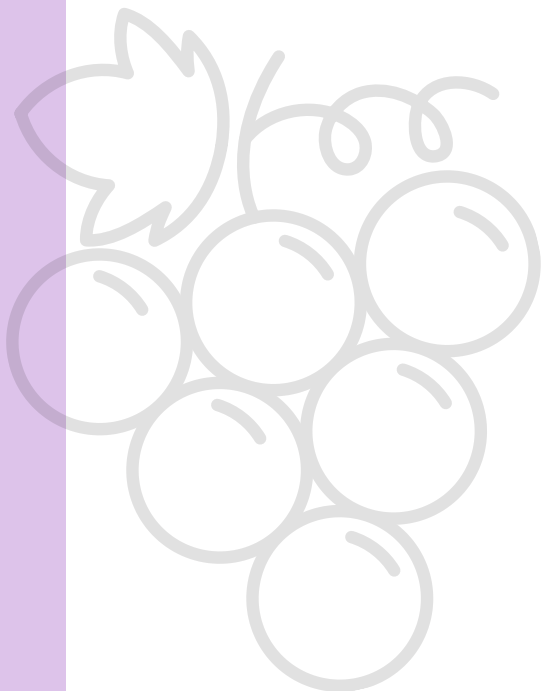


Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. Matthew 7:15-18

"Your own conduct and actions have brought this on you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the heart!" Jeremiah 4:18

They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes. Proverbs 1:30-31

The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. Proverbs 18:21



A CHECKLIST FOR RECONCILIATION

He respects your boundaries. And this is because you actually have boundaries!

There is a balance of power and control in the relationship

Consistent mutuality exists.

You have the freedom to speak up, have an opinion that is different. You're able to disagree or make choices on your own.

Your partner has consistent empathy for your needs, feelings, desires, thoughts.

Your partner no longer uses blame-shifting or minimizing and takes responsibility for his wrongs committed in the marriage.

Demands and an attitude of entitlement have been replaced with patience and genuine concern for your needs.