



The Notes

FACTORY RESET Part 3: "Same Difference?"

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REPENTANCE IS A HARDER GIFT TO
ACCEPT THAN FORGIVENESS,
BECAUSE IT...

1. ...MAKES ME _____ MY _____
SELF.

"John dressed in a camel-hair habit tied at the waist by a leather strap. He lived on a diet of locusts and wild field honey. People poured out of Jerusalem, Judea, and the Jordanian countryside to hear and see him in action. There at the Jordan River those who came to confess their sins were baptized into a changed life. When John realized that a lot of Pharisees and Sadducees were showing up for a baptismal experience because it was becoming the popular thing to do, he exploded: 'Brood of snakes! What do you think you're doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to make any difference? It's your life that must change, not your skin! And don't think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as father. Being a descendant of Abraham is neither here nor there. Descendants of Abraham are a dime a dozen. What counts is your life. Is it green and flourishing? Because if it's deadwood, it goes on the fire."

Matthew 3:4-10 (MSG)

“You’re hopeless, you religion scholars and Pharisees! Frauds! You buff the surface of your cups and bowls so they sparkle in the sun, while the insides are maggoty with your greed and gluttony. Stupid Pharisee! Scour the insides, and then the gleaming surface will mean something.”

Matthew 23:25-26 (MSG)

2. ...NEEDS ME TO _____ WITH WHAT I HAVE _____.

“So Zacchaeus came down immediately and took Jesus into his home. He was very happy about this. The people saw what had happened. They were not happy, and they were saying, ‘Jesus has gone to stay in the home of a man that does bad things.’ Later, Zacchaeus stood up in front of everyone. He said to the Lord Jesus, ‘Listen, Master! I will give half of all the things that I have to poor people. I may have taken too much money from some people. I will give back to them four times as much as I took from them wrongly.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today God has saved people in this home. Now Zacchaeus also belongs to the family of Abraham.’”

Luke 19:6-9 (EASY)

3. ...DEMANDS _____ FROM ME ONLY— NO ONE _____.

“The one who sins is the one who will be put to death. A son will not be punished for his father’s sins, and a father will not be punished for his son’s sins. A good man’s goodness belongs to him alone, and a bad man’s evil belongs to him alone.”

Ezekiel 18:20 (ERV)

“Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done and won’t need to compare himself with someone else. Each of us must bear some faults and burdens of his own. For none of us is perfect!”

Galatians 6:4-5 (TLB)