

SORRY/NOT SORRY

Part 4: "The Good Kind of Sorry"

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THE GOOD KIND OF SORRY SHOULD...

1.	BE HONEST,	AND

"I am no longer sorry that I sent that letter to you, though I was very sorry for a time, realizing how painful it would be to you. But it hurt you only for a little while. Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God. It was a good kind of sorrow you felt, the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so that I need not come to you with harshness. For God sometimes uses sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek eternal life. We should never regret his sending it. But the sorrow of the man who is not a Christian is not the sorrow of true repentance and does not prevent eternal death."

2 Corinthians 7:8-10 (TLB)

2. ...BE AUTHENTIC AND

"Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a chief tax collector and was very rich. Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. But he was a short man. He could not see Jesus because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree. He wanted to see Jesus, who was coming that way. Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, 'Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today.' So Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this. They began to whisper among themselves. They said, 'Jesus has gone to be the guest of a sinner.' But Zacchaeus stood up. He said, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times the amount I took.' Jesus said to Zacchaeus, 'Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham's family line. The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them." Luke 19:1-10 (NIRV)

3. ...BE _____AND CONTAGIOUS

"'O Lord God,' I cried out; 'O great and awesome God who keeps his promises and is so loving and kind to those who love and obey him! Hear my prayer! Listen carefully to what I say! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you; yes, I and my people have committed the horrible sin of not obeying the commandments you gave us through your servant Moses."

Nehemiah 1:5-7 (TLB)

"Then <u>if my people</u> who are called by my name <u>will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways</u>, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)