



MAKE THINGS RIGHT

IF GOD LOVES US AND WANTS TO PROTECT US FROM HARMING OURSELVES OR OTHERS, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SEE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT IN THE BIBLE.

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This is sometimes referred to as "making amends". "Making amends = something done to paid for or make up for harm done to others. Possible methods of making amends are: apology, change, community service, forgiveness, restitution, personal contact.

STUDY QUESTIONS

There appears to be two areas where "making things right" can be seen by society, family, and others: 1) **Restitution** and 2) **Change of Behavior**.

1. What is someone who steals from another expected to do for restitution? (Ex. 22:7)

2. In addition to restitution, what else could happen to a thief or person causing harm to other people? (Ex. 22:7) _____
3. How does society look on people who steal or harm others? (Luke 19:8)

4. Zacchaeus was a crook. How do we know that his life changed when he met Jesus? (Luke 19:8) _____
5. What new strategy must a thief or criminal start living to prove that he realizes his mistakes and desires to change? (Ephesians 4:28)

6. Where is a good place to start for a person who has hurt people, but who now wants to start over? (Prov. 28:13) _____
7. Romans 12:21 - Replace your evil life-style with _____
8. What shows that you have really changed? (James 3:13) _____
9. Making amends could mean _____. (Phil 2:4)
10. Making amends could mean more than just promises. Explain. (Proverbs 14:23)

11. In your past, you may have had no desire for doing good or defending others. (Isaiah 1:17)
_____ to do evil _____ to do good _____ justice
_____ the oppressor _____ the fatherless _____ for the widow