

# **MY OPINIONS, MY PRINCIPLES, AND MY SCREWED-UP LIFE**



I'll admit I have strong opinions.

I'll sit and argue with you till daylight about stuff going on in this country right now.

I don't mind telling you, I'm disgusted with what's happening!

And I have high principles.

I believe in the Christian family.

I'm committed to the principle of a real marriage, even though my own is hanging by a thread.

I believe in personal freedom. No government is going to tell me what to do!

And I believe every word in the Bible!

So why is my life such a mess?

Why am I so full of anger?

Why do other people drive me batty?

I can't even get a decent night's sleep any more.

***And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: "The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.***

***'I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. Awake, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God.***

***Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent. If you will not awake, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.'"***

## Repent!



How?

**Start by repenting of all your opinions.**

Drop them all. They are as screwed up as you are.

**Then repent of your “principles”.**

Your “principles” do not match the words of the Jesus you say you believe in.

***“Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent.”***

Once you’ve repented of your opinions and principles....

**Get to know Jesus.**



**Just Jesus.**

Not Moses or Elijah or your favorite teacher. Just Jesus.

**Go to the gospels...**

**.... and focus on every word that comes from the mouth of the Son of God.**

**And repent some more.**

The Lord himself will show you why your marriage is on the rocks.

Why you are so angry.

Why you can't sleep.

Why you can't stand other people.

He will also show you what to do about it all.

**Finally, repent of your attitudes.... by forgiving those you need to forgive.**



By asking forgiveness from those you have wronged.

Start each day with fresh repentance.

**Then walk in the light of the Lord.**



**"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciple,  
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."**

John 8

*Prayer: Yes Lord, help us, help us to see you, just you and continue in your words, so that we can truly be your disciples and know and live in the beauty and freedom that only your truth can bring. Forgive us for our opinions and our principles that separate us from you, that do not come from your mouth. We repent of our superiority complexes, our hypocrisy in the midst of our own screwed up lives. Open our eyes to our own flaws, open our eyes to our deep need for you. We repent of our attitudes and our hard hearts and lack of forgiveness to anyone in our lives. Help us to let these things go so we can truly walk in your light. Amen.*

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