



Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word

[Ezekiel 18:21 ESV](#)

"But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

The Late Theologian & Pastor Tim Keller said this: "Sin is not just breaking the rules, it is putting yourself in the place of God as Savior, Lord, and Judge... There are two ways to be your own Savior and Lord. One is by breaking all the moral laws and setting your own course, and one is by keeping all the moral laws and being very, very good."

Living righteous is not an obligation but it is a mandate! As we follow the Lord, and when we call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ then how we live should resemble what we believe about the Lord. Some stuff isn't as hard as we make it, but there are times that we can make excuses to why we don't desire to live holy!

Of course we all fall, of course we all mess up, and of course we all trip but there is also a responsibility on us to not just continue to make those same excuses. If you fell down on concrete, and you started to bleed, then you would go to the doctor's office so that the bleeding would stop and that you would be healed.

Sin makes us bleed, but instead of allowing the doctor (Jesus) to heal us, sometimes we would rather still play in the dirt and we still want to bleed instead of getting well! God wants us to be well, God wants us to be whole, and God wants us to be appropriate with our lives! As we follow the Lord, it is something about being with the Lord in Heaven that makes us want to live the right way all of the time!

Make sure that you live a life that will please God, and that the Lord will welcome you home with open arms and not tell you to leave His presence!

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