



Hello! This note is about a changed heart. A hard heart changed to love God.

Before I found God, I lived according to our modern golden rule: "do what you please, just don't hurt anyone". It isn't God's Golden Rule, but a man-made rule. And, because I tried so hard to not ever hurt anyone, I thought I was a "good" person. It never occurred to me that I was pleasing only myself and not living for God and His will. This is important, because it is God and not any-man/woman who decides and judges us in the afterlife.

One day, a kind friend spoke to me about sin. SIN? While, I believed in errors and mistakes and learning from them, I did not believe in "sin". Then, how could I explain sweet children of only a year old throwing fits? How could I explain a four year old telling lies? No one gave them a lesson in these things, yet, intrinsically, they knew how to do them. Yes, avoiding responsibility and trying to get our own way is Bad and in all humans, but was it sin? Yep. Turns out, that's just what sin is.



Well, okay, but then I had to think: Had I personally "sinned"? Well, maybe - But haven't we all done a few bad things? Yes, We have. But then I realized it was more than a few:

DO NOT Lie — I had lied.

DO NOT Steal — I had stolen.

DO NOT murder — I had murdered — ^{because Jesus says} if we hate someone, it is like murder to God.

DO NOT ^{commit} adultery — I had committed adultery — ^{because Jesus said} if we lust after someone, it is adultery in God's eyes.

DO NOT covet — I had been jealous of others.

DO NOT Blaspheme — I had cursed using God's Name.

DO NOT make idols — I had loved + worshipped money + people.

Honor your parents — I did not always treat my parents with honor.

Love God wholeheartedly — I did not love God with all my mind, heart + soul.

Keep the sabbath — I did not always keep the sabbath.



So, while I compared myself to worse people and came out "good", God held me up to those Laws as a mirror and I truly came up filthy and DISOBEDIENT.

TO admit this - was freedom. Yes, I am/was guilty. Where does God say He sends the guilty? TO Hell and a lake of fire. SO, how could I find freedom, all the while knowing I was really guilty and deserved punishment?

Because Jesus came to save sinners, like me! He didn't come to save people who think they don't sin, but sinners who admit it! If we turn to God and away from sin, He says that our "fine" or penalty can be paid with the innocent blood of Jesus - our savior! All we must do is ask, we must confess and turn to God and follow Him. This is the way, the truth and the life. This is how we get to Heaven and how we live with ourselves + God here on earth. He changed my heart and I pray that you know Him, too. LOVE, Prudence

P.S. Thanks for "listening"! ☺