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January 7, 2017

Name: _____

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DUE: January 21, 2017

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from January 7 (D1 - Biblical Repentance) and remind yourself of the seven characteristics of biblical repentance. What stands out the most to you? Why? Was there anything unclear or confusing to you?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Take a few minutes to reflect on your devotional time alone with the Lord this past Christmas season. What do you see that is encouraging to you? Is there anything you would like to address?

LOOKING AHEAD...

As you start the new year, you have the opportunity for a new start with your Bible reading plan. Is there an area of biblical understanding you would like to grow in this year?

D1: The Heart. Please refer to the worksheet from January 7, 2017. Listen to the audio if you missed the class.

From the characteristic of Earnestness.

Q1: How do you feel you are doing at persistently striving against sin? What do you notice to be true about yourself when your striving seems weaker than usual?

From the characteristic of Vindication.

Q2: What are some ways that our flesh lies to us when we are on a path of repentance? What is a biblical response to these lies?

From the characteristic of Fear.

Q3: How strong would you say is your reverence for the Lord? How should God's character inform us when we are faced with the opportunity to sin?

From the characteristic of Indignation.

Q4: How often do you think about the sufferings of Christ in your place on the cross? How does this help you in your battle to repent well from sin?

From the characteristic of Longing.

Q5: What happens to your close fellowship with the Lord when you choose to sin? How does this truth help you when you are tempted to sin?

From the characteristic of Zeal.

Q6: How does your love for the Lord affect the way you view opportunities to sin? What can you do to grow your hatred for sin?

Encouragement from the gospel.

Q7: How do the principles found in Romans 6 (the Christian's freedom from sin's power) help you in your repentance? Was this perspective new to you?