

Pastoral Response to Confession

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I. Introduction

A. Our Belief about Sexual Sin

1. Pornography
2. Masturbation
3. Incest
4. Abuse
5. Fornication
6. Adultery
7. Bestiality
8. Homosexuality

B. Our Belief in a Prosperity Gospel

C. The Amount of Time and Energy we as Pastors Have

II. Processing Confessions

A. Confessions of the Perpetrator

Psalm 32; 51

1. Personal Ownership of the Sin
2. A Reality of the Weight of the Sin
3. A Reality of the Impact

II Samuel 12:14

Matthew 18:6

4. Repentance or Confession?

B. Confession of the Survivor

1. Earn the right to hear
2. Be a safe place
3. Listen well
4. Allow the story to unfold

C. Proactive vs. Reactive Confession

1. Proactive is about repentance - opening and exposing
2. Reactive is often about Control - covering and protecting

D. Public vs. Private Confession

Loyalty or Integrity?

Quick Fixes or Repentance and Deliverance?

1. Informative
2. Redemptive
3. Punitive?
4. Restorative

III. Moving Beyond Confession to Restitution

A. Is Confession Enough?

B. Why Restitution?

IV. Restoration after Legal Requirements are Fulfilled

A. Restoration of the Individual

1. Calling to something greater
2. They are not defined by the action
3. Restoration of trust

B. Restoration of and to the Body

1. Allow time to process and grieve the betrayal
2. Allow the expression of emotions - In a controlled environment
3. Do not force forgiveness
4. Understand the differences of forgiveness, trust and reconciliation

V. Conclusion