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In the Bible, repentance is defined simply as this: turning away from our sinful actions and turning back to God. This single action changes the life of whoever does it. Like Acts 3:18-21 says, “But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.” If we repent of our sins, we can accept the greatest gift ever given, salvation through Jesus Christ for our sins. But what does repentance look like? Repentance is sincerely and humbly asking God to forgive you of your sins while believing in His Son that He sent from Heaven to be the atoning sacrifice for all of our wrong doings. In order to do this, we can use the only form of communication we have with God, prayer.

One of the most important things we need to do when asking God for forgiveness is to be sincere and humble. God knows if we truly are seeking forgiveness or not, and He will give it accordingly. Repentance isn't a one-time thing either. Although once we truly repent and put our faith in Jesus Christ we are saved, we can repent anytime we want. Repentance is a great way to show God we are sorry for our sins and to refocus ourselves back on Him. Whether it be once a day, week, or month, repentance can help us set our priorities straight. God is supposed to be and needs to be the number one priority in our life, and if He isn't, we are going to have problems down the road. Repenting often doesn't make us any more saved once we are saved, but it can help us strengthen our faith and be humble before God.