

Imperative Christianity
Repent & Believe!
Mark 1:14-15 (Matthew 4:17)

Three levels to spiritual maturity:

- ✠ *I h_____ to obey Jesus' commands...He said so.*
- ✠ *I n_____ to obey Jesus' commands...It really makes a difference.*
- ✠ *I w_____ to obey Jesus' commands...It is the way I Love my Savior.*

1) Repent: A Direction to T_____ A_____

*Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,
² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **Matthew 3:1-2 (NASB)***

a) Repentance = *change of m_____, purpose, d_____*

b) **WHEN I COME TO GOD IN REPENTANCE, I AM SAYING:**

i) *My name is _____; I am a s_____!*

ii) *I need a S_____; His name is Jesus!*

c) **A change of mind (I have to)**

that produces a change of heart (I need to)

that produces a change of direction (I want to).

2) Believe: A Direction to T_____ T_____

a) Believe = *to have f_____ in / to put t_____ in*

i) **The Paralytic and His Friends**

*And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." **Mark 2:5 (NASB)***

ii) **The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Garment**

*And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction." **Mark 5:34 (NASB)***

iii) **The Ruler of the Synagogue Whose Daughter Died**

*But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe."
Mark 5:36 (NASB)*

iv) **The Father of the Boy with an Evil Spirit**

*And Jesus said to him..."All things are possible to him who believes."²⁴ Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief." **Mark 9:23-24 (NASB)***

v) **Bartimaeus**

And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."

*Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road. **Mark 10:52 (NASB)***

vi) **During the Passion Week**

And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God.²³ Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him."

Mark 11:22-23 (NASB)

*****If we have a problem with this first command of Jesus, we're going to have a problem with all of the ones that follow.**