

## Polly's Pondering

**2 Corinthians 7:10 “For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow...”**

I have a book of quotes, saying, inspirational thought that is entitled The Treasure Chest. Often find something that sticks with me, causes me to ponder, and gives me a moment to self-reflect. Most are noted for their source. But a few say nothing – not even anonymous. Here is one of those. It might make a good Graduation speech somewhere down the road. In fact, I have added the scripture that relates to you.

You will never be sorry –

- For thinking before acting (Proverbs 13:16)
- for hearing before acting, (Romans 10:17)
- for forgiving your enemies, (Colossians 3:12-13)
- for being candid and frank, (Proverbs 12:22 and Proverbs 17:2)
- for helping a fallen brother. (Galatians 6:1)
- for being honest in business, (Leviticus 25:14)
- for thinking before speaking, (Proverbs 16:23)
- for being loyal to your church, (Hebrews 13:17)
- for standing by your principles, (Psalm 16:8)
- for stopping your ears to gossip, (Proverbs 20:19)
- for bridling a slanderous tongue, (Psalm 34:13 and James 3:2)
- for harboring only pure thoughts, (Philippians 4:8)
- for sympathizing with the afflicted, (2 Corinthians 1:4)
- for being courteous and kind to all. (Ephesians 4:32)

These statements can lead us to a life with no regrets and I promise you regrets can be hard to live with. But what I do not believe it is saying is that if you have fallen and thereby acquired a regret that you are a failure. Everyone has fallen short of the glory of God and that is why we have Jesus and the forgiveness for our sins through his atoning blood. But I do believe the closer we hear the voice of God, the more we focus on His holy word as contained in the Bible, the more we strive to be like Jesus, the more we are really about our mistakes, failures, and faults, the more we seek forgiveness for those the more we will live with no regret.

Mark Twain once said: “God has put something noble and good into every heart which His hand created.” And Thomas Carlyle said “Conviction is worthless unless it is converted into conduct.” So let’s acknowledge the image of God in which we were created, let’s reflect on how well we are reflecting that image, and then let’s get busy living in goodness.