What does it mean to change?

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Introduction
1. Matthew 21:28-30
2. Often it is said, He needs to change his ways."
    1. What do we mean by this statement?
    2. Are we willing to help this person make changes in their life?
3. In the text the word repentance or regret
    1. Within the meaning of this word there is change
    2. The boy in our text changed his mind 2 Corinthians 7:10
    3. The Lord will not change Hebrews 7:21
4. Two things about change in the lesson today
    1. False assumption about change
    2. What is involved with real change.

II Discussion
1. False assumption about change
    1. Change is over night.
        1. How long did it take to get into this position
        2. Growth takes time 1 Peter 2:2
        3. Fruit takes time to mature Luke 8:15
    2. Change is always easy
        1. Sin is pleasurable Hebrews 11:25
        2. When we find out we like something it is hard to change Amos 6:1
        3. There is a struggle between flesh and spirit Galatians 5:16-17; 1 Corinthians 9:27
        4. It is like a war 2 Timothy 2:4
    3. A change in behavior does not mean a change of heart
        1. Behavior can be right and the heart wrong Matthew 15:8
        2. Behavior can be wrong and the heart wrong Luke 8:10-14
        3. Behavior can be right and the heart be right Luke 18:13; Romans 6:17
2. What is involved in real change
    1. A person must realize where he is Ephesians 2:12
    2. A person must realize who he is Luke 18:13
    3. A person must realize change is possible John 8:24, 32; Matthew 11:28-30
    4. A person must count the cost Luke 14:28-30
    5. A person must make those changes 2 Corinthians 5:17
    6. A person must realize that pain is involved Acts 2:37
    7. When growing there is pain

III Conclusion
1. In Luke 15 the parable about the lost boy, what did it take for the young man to come back to the father?
2. It took a change is attitude, life, and direction
3. Have we changed from a child of the devil to a child of God?
4. You can make changes in your life.
5. Believing, repenting, confessing, baptism
6. Come back

Sources: Logos; Old sermon preached