

2 Corinthians 7 Scenario

Read the following scenario and answer the questions below:

In an interview for a temple recommend for marriage, a young woman confesses some past sins to her bishop. After further discussion, the bishop comes to understand that the young woman has not truly repented of her sins and that her sins are serious enough to make her unworthy of a temple recommend. The bishop explains that the young woman will have to wait to receive a recommend until she has fully repented. She is alarmed, claiming she has repented because she hasn't repeated any of those sins for a long time. The bishop explains that merely stopping the sin is not complete repentance, and he invites her to sincerely begin the process of true repentance.

The young woman explains to her bishop that she is very upset because she has already told other people about the wedding and made plans to celebrate. She's concerned about the embarrassment of a delay in her wedding plans and about how she'll tell her fiancé and parents. She asks whether there is a way for her to move forward with the wedding as planned and continue working through the repentance process afterward.

1. Based on the young woman's response to the bishop, what does she seem to be most concerned about?
2. Why might her focus make it hard to fully repent?
3. Ponder what this young woman does not fully understand about repentance.

As you continue this lesson, look for a principle that would help this young woman.

Also ponder if you need this principle in your own repentance.