

## **I Was Wrong**

### **Ready:**

"Though a righteous man falls seven times, he will get up, but the wicked will stumble into ruin."  
-Proverbs 24:16

### **Set**

Arguments, fights and tantrums are huge parts of sports today. At every level you can see these displays. Little league parents fight in the parking lot, players go into the stands, players and coaches ignore each other for days and weeks at a time. What causes all of this? Why can't we all just get along?

Most of the trouble lies within the selfish nature of man. We have been trained to think that we are always right, and that someone else is to blame. An official makes a call you against you, so what do you do? Most of the time, you grumble, complain and point a finger at someone else. "It's not my fault!" is the cry of the selfish warrior in battle. Excuses abound, but the truth is that you are not perfect. Yes, even YOU make a mistake now and then. In Proverbs we read that even a righteous man falls seven times ... and just lays there and complains in his self-pity, right? No! He gets up and admits he was wrong. Tough words are hard to say. The "w-word" is not supposed to be a part of our vocabulary. Well, I hate to say it, but it needs to be there. Come on, say it with me. "I was wrong." Admitting our mistakes in life will help us to develop into better people for His service.

So, the next time you screw up, say this simple phrase and own up to your responsibility. And if necessary, add this to it: "I'm sorry." Our actions and attitudes will either make us better or bitter. The choice is yours. No one likes to be wrong, but when you are, don't sit there in your sin and make excuses. Get up, own up and live up!

### **Go**

1. Why are the words, "I was wrong," so hard to say?
2. When is the last time you said you were wrong?
3. Today, what can you do to be accountable for your actions and attitudes?

### **Workout**

Job 42:1-6  
1 John 1:8-10

### **Bible Reference:**

1 John 1



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