

I don't have to tell our readers who is the person at the title of this article. We know him as the *suspected* murderer of Natalee Holloway, and the *admitted* murderer of Peruvian business student Stephany Flores. He took her money and credit cards after killing her. He is an **impenitent** murderer.

Once he realized that he was directly linked to Ms. Flores by a video surveillance and that there was no one else to blame for her death, he confessed his crime in the hopes of getting a lighter sentence. Here was his *confession*: “[I am truly regretful for what I have done. I feel very bad,](#)” he said.

Really? That's all you have to say for murdering a young woman whose life was all before her? That's all you have to say to the parents who loved their daughter? You are “*truly regretful*” and “*feel very bad*”? Pardon my cynicism here, dear readers, but after having watched Mr. Van der Sloot in the news repeatedly over the last several years, I don't believe him! I think he is a cold-hearted murderer who never had a conscience. Those are not words of a man who is truly sorry for ending another person's life. Those are the words of a man who is sorry he got caught!

So we recall the words of the apostle Paul on the matter: “*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death*” (2 Cor. 7:10).

Apparently the three-judge panel saw the same thing in Mr. Van der Sloot because they sentenced him to a 28-year sentence and a fine of \$200,000. That was *almost* the maximum sentence their law would allow!

What the world needs today is a **heavy dose** of personal accountability with eternal blessings or condemnations as the fruit of our lives, 2 Cor. 5:10. Far too many lives are being taken by cruel, animalistic people who have no concept of an Eternal Judge imposing eternal punishment on the wicked. Man, *without a sense of God*, becomes little more than an animal himself.