

# PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

OUR WILL UNDER GOD'S GRACE

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Lesson 1

# Some Very Sour Grapes

# **The Condition We Face**

- **Israel's History of Shifting Blame**
  - Ezekiel 18:1–5

“It wasn’t my fault. I was just minding my own business when she came along and offered the fruit to me.

She should have been more careful about who she talks to.”

“Everyone knew these people were trouble. As our leader was on the mountain, I was forced to baby-sit these people.

Then they demanded a god to worship, and somehow this idol appeared out of some gold we melted.”

“He was the crooked one. We knew he was going to betray Christ—it was just a matter of time.

We are in a position of authority and accept no responsibility for the 30 pieces of silver.”

“The mob was enraged and the whole scene had a sense of destiny about it.

I was caught in a bad situation, and any man would have done the same—He was going to be crucified anyway.

Washing my hands made me feel clean.”

# **The Condition We Face**

- **Israel's History of Shifting Blame**
  - Ezekiel 18:1–5
- **Modern Sour Grapes**

Share a bad habit that you may have picked up from your parents or someone that had a big influence on you.

Describe how you identified that habit and began to improve.

# The Comparison We Need

- **The Wisdom of Men**
  - 1 Corinthians 1:18–31
- **The Wisdom of God**
  - 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

# The Convictions We Lack

- **Convictions About Personal Ability**
- **Convictions About Personal Responsibility**
  - Personal Confession (1 John 1:9; Ps. 51)
  - Personal Accountability (Rom. 14:12)
  - Personal Sanctification (Rom. 8:29)

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Lesson 2

# A Lousy Aftertaste

# Truth Twisting

- **The Truth of God Is Twisted**
  - Ezekiel 18:1–5
- **The Truth of Parenting Is Twisted**
  - Proverbs 22:6

We are a product of our  
environment.

Teens can't be trusted today.

The vast majority of your personality and learned behavior is established before you turn 6.

Kids from broken homes can't understand real love.

# Truth Twisting

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  - Ezekiel 18:1–5
- **The Truth of Parenting Is Twisted**
  - Proverbs 22:6
- **The Truth of Personal Choice Is Twisted**
  - Joshua 24:15

# Conviction Confusion

- **Convictions About Personal Guilt**
  - True Guilt
  - False Guilt
- **Difference**
  - Praying
  - Subjecting our feelings to the Word
  - Examining the direction of our guilt

# **Conviction Confusion**

- **Convictions About Personal Sin**
- **Convictions About Personal Hope**

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Lesson 3

**How Did These  
Get So Sour?**

# **Confusing a False Philosophy with Truth**

# Seeing the Truth in a Lie

- **Limited in Intensity**
- **Limited in Duration**
- **Limited in Finality**

# **Trusting Philosophy More than God**

- **Philosophy Seems Equal with  
Scripture**
- **Philosophy Neutralizes True  
Worship**
- **Philosophy Causes Sin**

# **Teaching a General Principle as an Absolute Promise**

# **Three Hypothetical Generations**

- **First Generation—righteous**
- **Second Generation—commits sin**
- **Third Generation—learns and obeys**

# **Confusing an Influence with a Cause**

Why are you grateful for your family background?

What advantages have godly parents given us?

How do bad environments give us a chance to better serve others?

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Lesson 4

# Spitting It Out

# **We Have a Personal Relationship with God**

- **He Made Us**
  - Psalm 139:14
- **He Bought Us**
  - 1 Corinthians 6:20

**He Takes  
Responsibility for Us**

**We Find a Resource in God**

# **We Are Personally Responsible to God**

- **We Are Not Responsible for Our Parents**
  - Ezekiel 18:17–19
- **Our Parents Are Not Responsible for Us**
  - Ezekiel 18:20

# **We Are Personally Responsible to God**

- **All Are Responsible to God**
  - Ezekiel 18:30

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Lesson 5

# Fresh Grapes

# The Responsibility to Reject Our Parents' Sins

- **Learn to Identify Sin**
  - Love the sinner and hate the sin.
  - Distinguish between parents' personality and their position.

How has our culture stereotyped various kinds of leadership?

- Parents
- Police
- Education officials
- Representatives in government?

How are these stereotypes justified?

In what ways are they invalid or unhelpful?

# The Responsibility to Reject Our Parents' Sins

- **Learn to Identify Sin**
  - Love the sinner and hate the sin.
  - Distinguish between parents' personality and their position.
  - Trust God to work through your parents.

# **The Responsibility to Reject Our Parents' Sins**

- **Learn the Consequences of Sin**

What are the consequences of sin that are stated or implied in Psalm 51?

# **The Responsibility to Reject Our Parents' Sins**

- **Learn the Consequences of Sin**
- **Choose to Avoid Sin**

# **The Responsibility to Choose Righteousness**

- **Be Aware of Your Parents' Sin  
Without Focusing on It**
- **Don't React to Parental Sinfulness**

# **The Responsibility to Act Responsibly**

- **Accept the Scriptures as Your Standard**
- **Acquire Your Own Personal, Practical Standards of Holiness**

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