

**OVERCOMING THE TENDENCY  
TO  
BLAME GOD  
FOR  
OUR CHOICES** PART ONE  
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- When problems and bad circumstances enter people's lives, they will turn and look toward the heavens to lay blame at God's feet.
- Problems enter our lives for many reasons, one of which is \_\_\_\_\_ that we make.
- People must understand that choices \_\_\_\_\_ have consequences. How can you make godly choices in your life?

**First, by determining to \_\_\_\_\_ God's instructions and warnings**

- While in Ephesus, Paul had decided to visit Jerusalem. Acts 19:21
- Going to Jerusalem was something that made \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul, and something that he purposed in his spirit to do. Acts 19:21, 20:22
- But God's instructions and warnings told him otherwise. Acts 20:22-23; 21:3-4, 10-11, 12-14
- Where do we find God's instructions and warnings for us today? We discover them in God's Word, rightly divided. You cannot scorn these instructions without repercussions.

- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of sowing and reaping found in God's Word.
- *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."*  
**Galatians 6:7-8**
- If we persist in choices that violate God's instructions, it can literally \_\_\_\_\_ the course of our entire lives.