

**OVERCOMING THE TENDENCY
TO
BLAME GOD
FOR
OUR CHOICES PART TWO**

Acts 21 **PEW BIBLE PAGE 1157**

- 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

Second, by refusing to give heed to _____ counsel

- *"For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God."* **Galatians 2:19**
- *"But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."* **Romans 7:6**
- Paul followed the terrible and unbiblical advice of the elders at Jerusalem (vs. 26), and it resulted in Paul being beaten and arrested, and his public ministry ended.
- Why did Paul follow the bad counsel of the elders at Jerusalem? vs. 18-26
 - ⇒ He never acknowledged _____ in this matter.
 - ◇ God, through His Word, can fully equip you to make wise and expedient decisions.

◇ "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

⇒ He went to the wrong _____ for counsel.

◇ So many times believers go to the wrong places for counsel, and it leads to very bad decisions.

◇ "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." **Proverbs 14:12**

◇ "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."
Proverbs 12:15

⇒ He did not _____ their counsel by the Word of God.

◇ "Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors." **Psalm 119:24**

- How many times God has been blamed for adverse circumstances in people's lives when they simply followed bad counsel and made bad choices.
- We must accept accountability for our decisions and the counsel we _____ in our lives.