

**OVERCOMING THE TENDENCY  
TO  
BLAME GOD  
FOR  
OUR CHOICES** PART THREE  
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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 **choices** that we make.
- People must understand that choices **always** 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**

**Third, by resisting the urge to attempt good by doing \_\_\_\_\_**

- Remember this – you never appease evildoers by compromising with them. You must \_\_\_\_\_ their evil if you are to do any good.
- *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."*  
**Ephesians 5:11**
- Doing evil that good may come is a very bad and dangerous policy.

- *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* **Romans 12:2**
- *"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."* **Philippians 2:15**
- The Bible teaches that we live a life that is distinctly different than the world and shine as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness.
- But when a believer or a church simply blends in with the world, there is no conviction. The world sees no real, pressing \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.
- It is never right to do wrong to do right. This kind of thinking leads to ungodly choices, which will have \_\_\_\_\_ consequences many times.