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DON'T ABUSE GRACE

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. Romans 6:1-2, Romans 6: 6

Have you ever asked; God why are you allowing this? Why aren't you protecting me better? But if we think through the trouble clearly we many times learn that we are the cause of much of the difficulty. Not God, but me! The bible speaks clearly about blessings and cursings. *"v:15 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God. v:28 But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you."* Deut 28:15
& Deut 28:2 NKJV

Many times as a pastor I have heard individuals say I can't believe this is happening! Why me? How could God allow me to go down this path? Why would God allow this to come into my life? I normally let them talk for awhile....then I ask one or two simple questions like:

Just out of curiosity, did you know that what you were doing violates biblical or natural laws? Well, yes.....Was this the first time you have done this? No..... How long have you been doing this? Well for some time.....What did you think was going to happen? Well the Lord knows how much I wanted to quit and not do this. *"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."* James 4:17

I know what the bible says about it pastor. Hmmm..... then how come you are asking how could God let me go down this path? It isn't easy to admit that we cause some or much of the pain in our own lives, but doing so is the first step toward healing and a life change.

APPLICATION: List five things YOU have done that may have caused at least some of the problems. Then bring them honestly before the Lord and repent. Ask the Lord to bring crop failure to any and all fruit that is manifesting from the disobedience. Accept the pain you have caused and ask God to restore to you the "JOY OF SALVATION."

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