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ACCOUNTABILITY

When the LORD gave Israel promises many of them were conditional. They were based on Israel doing their part to keep sin out of their lives. When they did this then they were blessed. God held them accountable for their actions.

Many kings were ungodly and chose the path that brought Israel into bondage. They caused the people to sin by not getting rid of the idolatrous things in their land.

Like Israel, we are held accountable also for our choices, whether good or bad. James, the Lord's brother wrote in James 4:17, ***"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."*** When we know something will harm our body such as drugs, alcohol, and other things and we put them into our body, we will eventually reap what we have sown. God holds us accountable because our bodies are no longer our own. They, including your soul and spirit were bought with the blood of Jesus Christ. So what we do isn't just against ourselves, it is against God also.

We must daily choose to "crucify our flesh" as it says in Galatians 5:24, ***"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."*** Lust isn't just a sexual thing. It is wanting something so badly that you will do anything to get it. When we tell our bodies "no" to things we shouldn't put in it or do with it, we are then reflecting the crucified life.

Sadly, many Christians are carnal in their walk. They have made a determination to do whatever they want, not realizing the consequences. Mature Christians do not do this. They choose to please the Lord by living the crucified life. Crucifixion means to put to death the old way of living and the old lusts of our lives and put on the new way of living with our desires being the desires of God.

Galatians 2:20 says, ***"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."*** A crucified life is a daily walk by faith. As long as we have our mortal bodies we have a war between following God or following the flesh. The choice is ours.