

## QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

THE LIFE OF DAVID PART 22:  
TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES  
**2 SAMUEL 12:16-31**  
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1. Why do we often blame God for what we have caused by our own choices and actions? What should we do instead?
2. How can parents who experience the death of a child be comforted by verse 23?
3. Even though the consequences for David's sin was announced, David intercedes for the life of his child. What does David's example of prayer teach us?
4. David's response to the death of his son seemed strange to all who were present. How was his response a demonstration of faith in God's character?

I. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
are not contradictions.

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.”*

Galatians 6:7-8

“When David sowed to the flesh, he reaped what the flesh produced. Moreover, he reaped the consequences of his actions even though he had confessed his sin and been forgiven for it. Underline it, star it, mark it deeply upon your conscious mind: Confession and forgiveness in no way stop the harvest. He had sown; he was to reap. He was forgiven, but the consequences continued. This is exactly the emphasis Paul is giving the Galatians even in this age of grace. We are not to be deceived, for God will not be mocked. What we sow we will reap, and there are no exceptions.”

John Lawrence

“Many of us spend six days each week sowing wild oats, then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.”

Fred Allen

II. God's \_\_\_\_\_ demands there be consequences for our \_\_\_\_\_.

III. How to \_\_\_\_\_ to the consequences of sin.

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ for what you have caused by your own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Trust the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God and move on.