

God balances guilt with blame. Accept the blame for your actions, and God will remove the guilt.

Many People Confuse Fellowship & Relationship

Sin Breaks Fellowship with God (Isaiah 59:1-2)

Blame = Conviction over Sin – this is what is missing in American Christianity – Shame b/c of our sin. **Jer 6:15**

Conviction was given to us by God.

He does not want us living in rebellion & apart from his blessings! (Jer 5:25) *God will not bless you for being Willful!*

It causes us to Live in a state of Fear on purpose:
(Deut 28:65-67)

The Absence of Guilt is the sign of SPIRITUAL Blindness (Lost People) (1 Corinthians 2:14-15)

The Absence of Guilt is the sign of a DEAD Conscience (Saved People) (1 Timothy 4:2)

Example of a Christian with a Seared Conscience
Judges 16:20; Romans 1:21-25; Ephesians 4:17-19

Instances of Shame manifested in the writers:
Isaiah 6:5; Lamentations 1:20; Luke 5:8; Acts 2:37

Remember, God gave us Conviction to warn us of our broken fellowship: SO HOW TO WE FIX THIS?

1. YOU GOTTA OWN IT! There is no one else to blame! *Illus: I didn't get saved until I owned up to my sin!*

Can't Blame Mom & Dad—Ezek 18:1-4,20-24 *Sour Grapes*
1 Chronicles 21:17

Contrition – Broken Heart or Grieved in our hearts about it. -
Change our Heart about it. Ps 51:17; Joel 2:12-13; Psalms 38:18; Psalms 51:2-5

2. YOU GOTTA CONFESS IT! *Confession is pleasing to the Lord – Because God Hates Pride!* Ps 34:18; Is 66:2

YOU gotta OWN It and you gotta CONFESS IT: *Illus: Pride is the Enemy of Confession-*

1 Tim 2:5; Psalms 32:5; 2 Samuel 24:10, 17

Confess Known Sin - GOOD PRAYER! Job 7:20; 13:23 Job 40:4; Psalms 32:5

Confess Violation of Scripture – sins of Co-Mission & O-Mission – there is no earthly excuse for disobedience!
Daniel 9:5-6, 8-11; James 4:17

3. YOU GOTTA BELIEVE He will FORGIVE us if we OWN it and CONFESS it. Isaiah 1:18; Isaiah 55:6-7; Isaiah 43:25-26; Jer 33:8; Ezekiel 18:21-22; Matthew 12:31

4. YOU GOTTA BELIEVE HE FORGETS

Ps 103:12; Jer 31:34; Heb 8:12
Fellowship Restored! 1 John 1:7