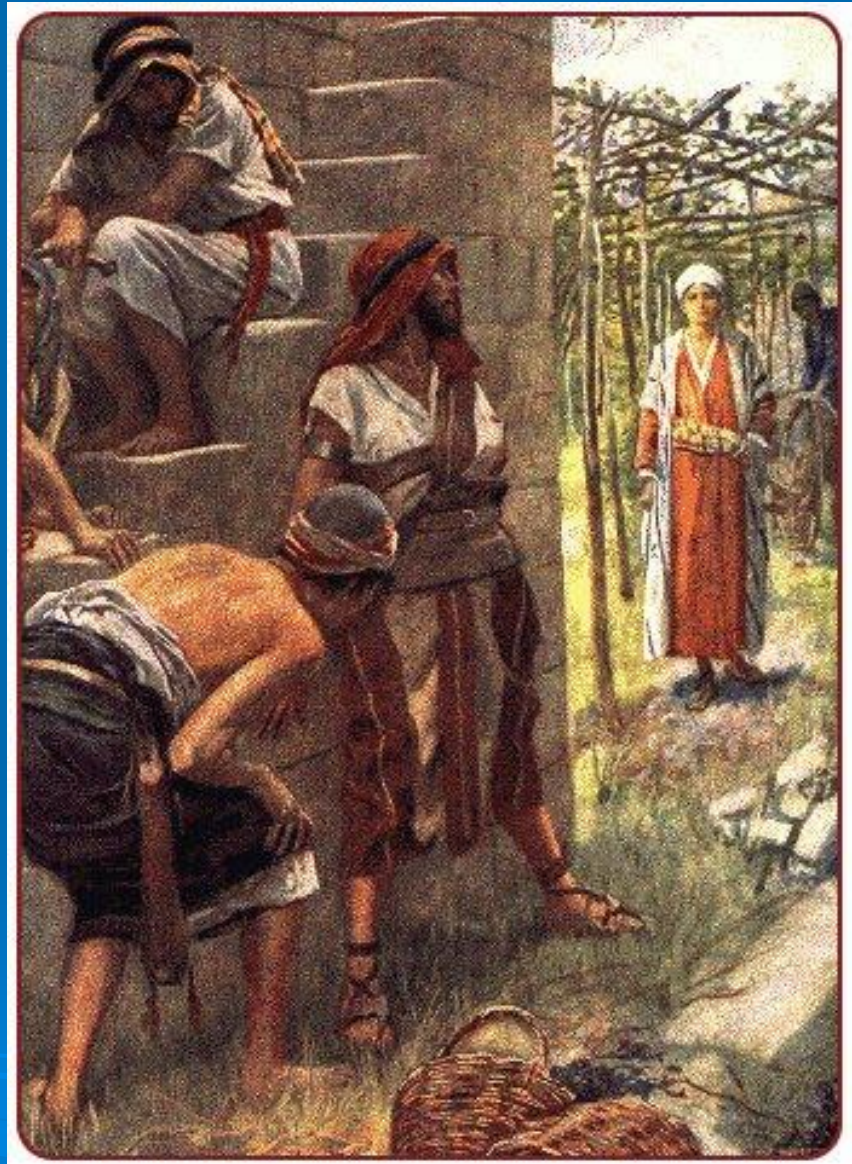
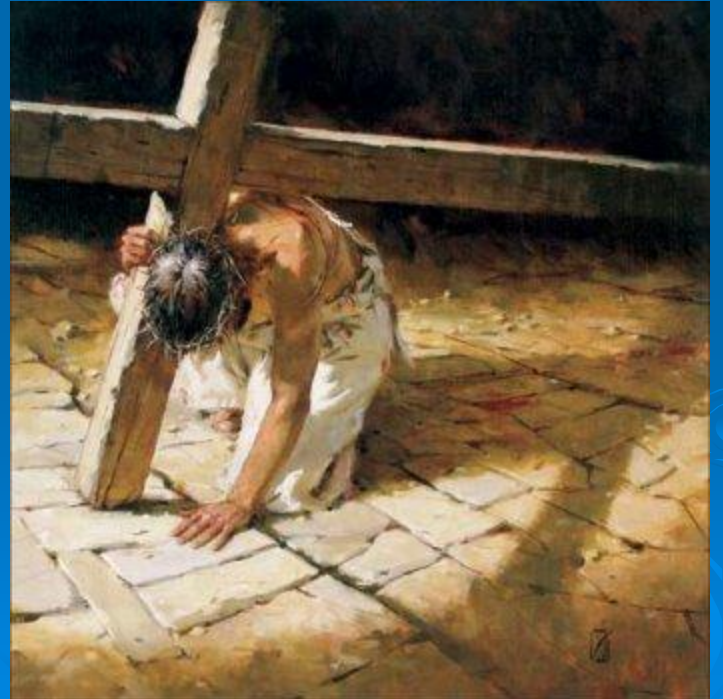


**“Therefore
what will
the owner
of the
vineyard
do to
them?”**

Luke 20:15



Issues in regard to the matter of “Consequences”

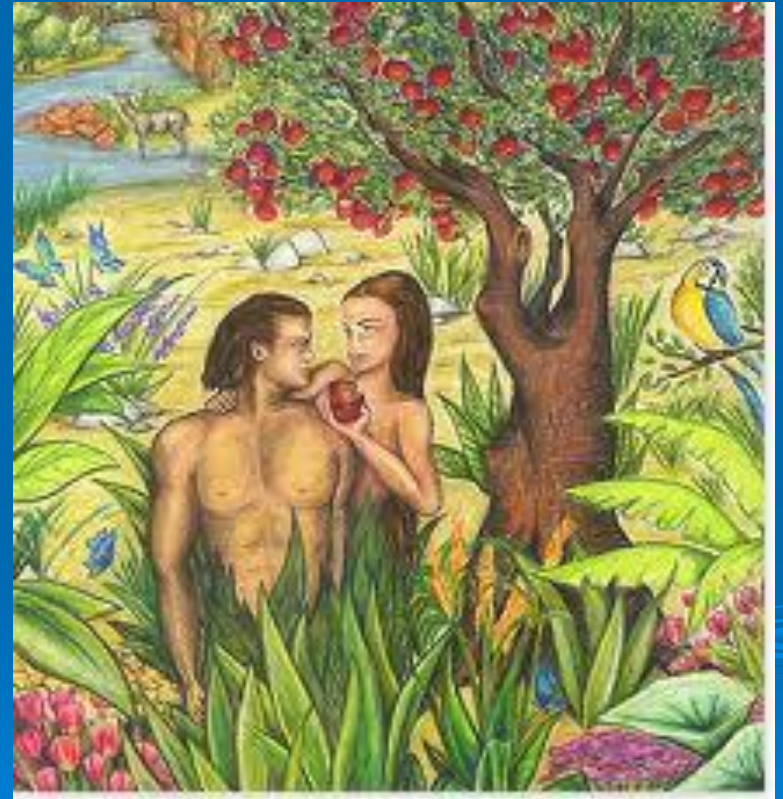


1. It is one of the very early lessons that should be learned ⁽¹⁾

➤ A lesson in the garden of Eden:

“but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die”

Genesis 2:17



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➤ A lesson on the mountain:

“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire”

Matthew 7:19



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➤ ...but the Pharisees and the priests did not learn it:

“He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!”

Luke 20:16

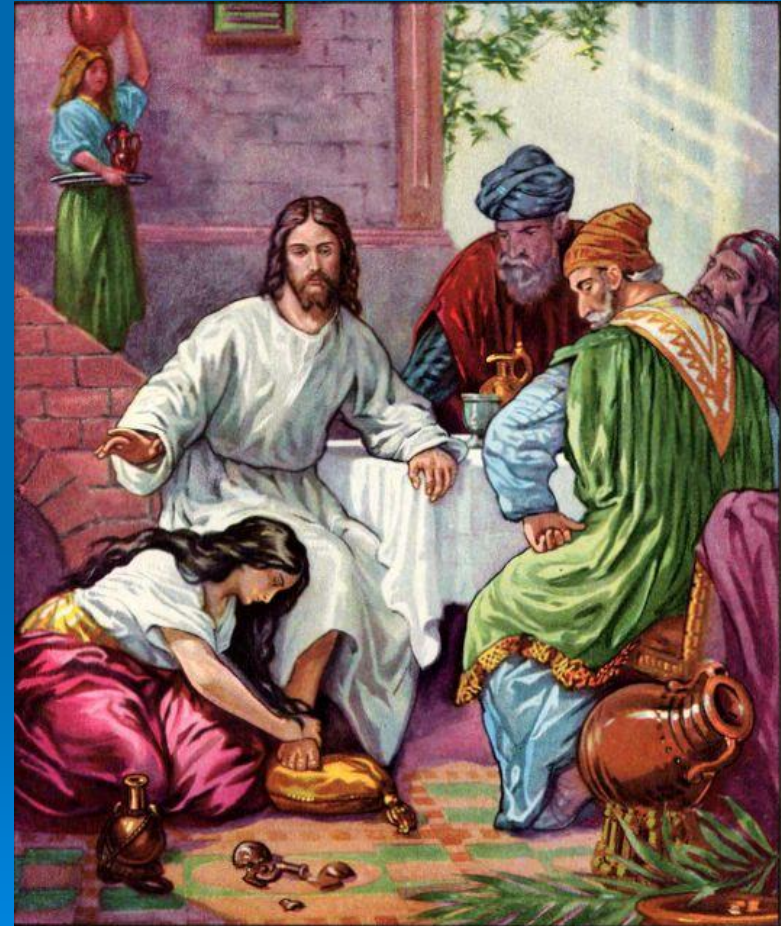


2. Even though sin is forgiven, it does not mean that it is over ⁽¹⁾

➤ The sin of David:

“Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me” *2 Samuel 12:10*

- “the woman in the city that was a sinner” will still have to deal with a bad reputation for a while even after she was justified by the Lord



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➤ Though forgiven, what about these consequences?:

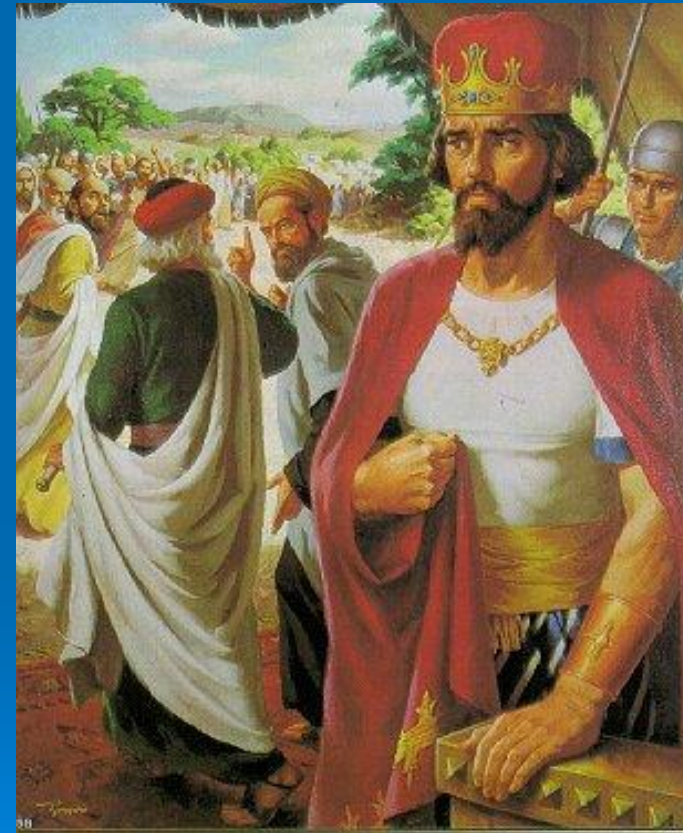
- acquiring a bad habit
- causing others to stumble
- wasting years of life with no purpose



3. Forecasting the consequences is a must before making any decision

- This was missing when then the prodigal son asked to leave his father's house.
- The consequences was part of the council that the elders gave to Rehoboam:
“If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”

1 Kings 12:7



4. Sparing youngsters the consequences results in an inevitable disaster for everyone

➤ The story of the sons of Eli the priest:

“In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them” *1 Samuel 3:12-13*



5. An act that takes minutes can cause consequences for many years afterward

- The story of the paralytic laid at the Pool of Bethesda for 38 years
- Abram's marriage to Hagar
- Jacob tricking Esau and taking the blessing from their father Isaac



6. When we sin, consequences affect everyone and everything around us ⁽¹⁾

- This was what the Lord spoke to Adam when he sinned:

“Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake” *Genesis 3:17*



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- This is the reason behind God's wrath against Israel and Jeroboam:

“And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin.”

1 Kings 15:16

