



The **VALUE** *of* **GUILT?**

1 Timothy 1:12–17
Psalms 51:1–17

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THE REALITY OF THE SINNERS GUILT BEFORE GOD



- ▶ For all have sinned ... Romans 3:23
- ▶ There is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin. Ecclesiastes 7:20
- ▶ The Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Galatians 3:22
- ▶ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8

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- ▶ **OBJECTIVE GUILT:** represents the state of having violated God's Law and being liable to punishment. (we may, or may not feel guilty)
- ▶ **SUBJECTIVE GUILT:** the uncomfortable FEELING of regret, remorse, shame, and self-condemnation as a result of thinking we have done or thought something wrong, resulting in discouragement, anxiety, fear of punishment or rejection, and a sense of isolation.

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- ▶ Guilt is not merely a subjective feeling; it is an objective condition. It is the legal and moral liability that rests upon every person who has violated God's holy law.
- ▶ Human courts may fail to convict, and conscience may be seared, but the divine verdict stands.

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- ▶ God's holiness and justice make guilt an objective reality that cannot be erased by time, self-esteem, or human rationalization.
- ▶ The value of this reality is that it tells the truth.

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BOTH SPIRITUAL & EARTHLY CONSEQUENCES OF SIN



- ▶ Violating just one of God's laws makes us guilty before God (Jam 2:10; Gal 3:10; Rom 3:19)
- ▶ The Bible tells us that all sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
- ▶ The Bible also tells us that if we believe in, and by faith obey Jesus, we will be forgiven of our sins (John 8:24; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:8-10)
- ▶ Even when one's sins are forgiven there are still earthly consequences (2 Sam 12:13; Ps 51:3)

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- ▶ While God and man may forgive us, forgiving ourselves may be much more difficult.
- ▶ David wrote, "For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me" (Ps. 51:3).
- ▶ While God forgave David (2 Sam. 12:13), his sin continued to follow him.
- ▶ Paul is another great example of how our guilty past can positively effect us today & moving forward (1 Ti 1:12-17)

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1 Timothy 1:12–17 (NKJV)

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

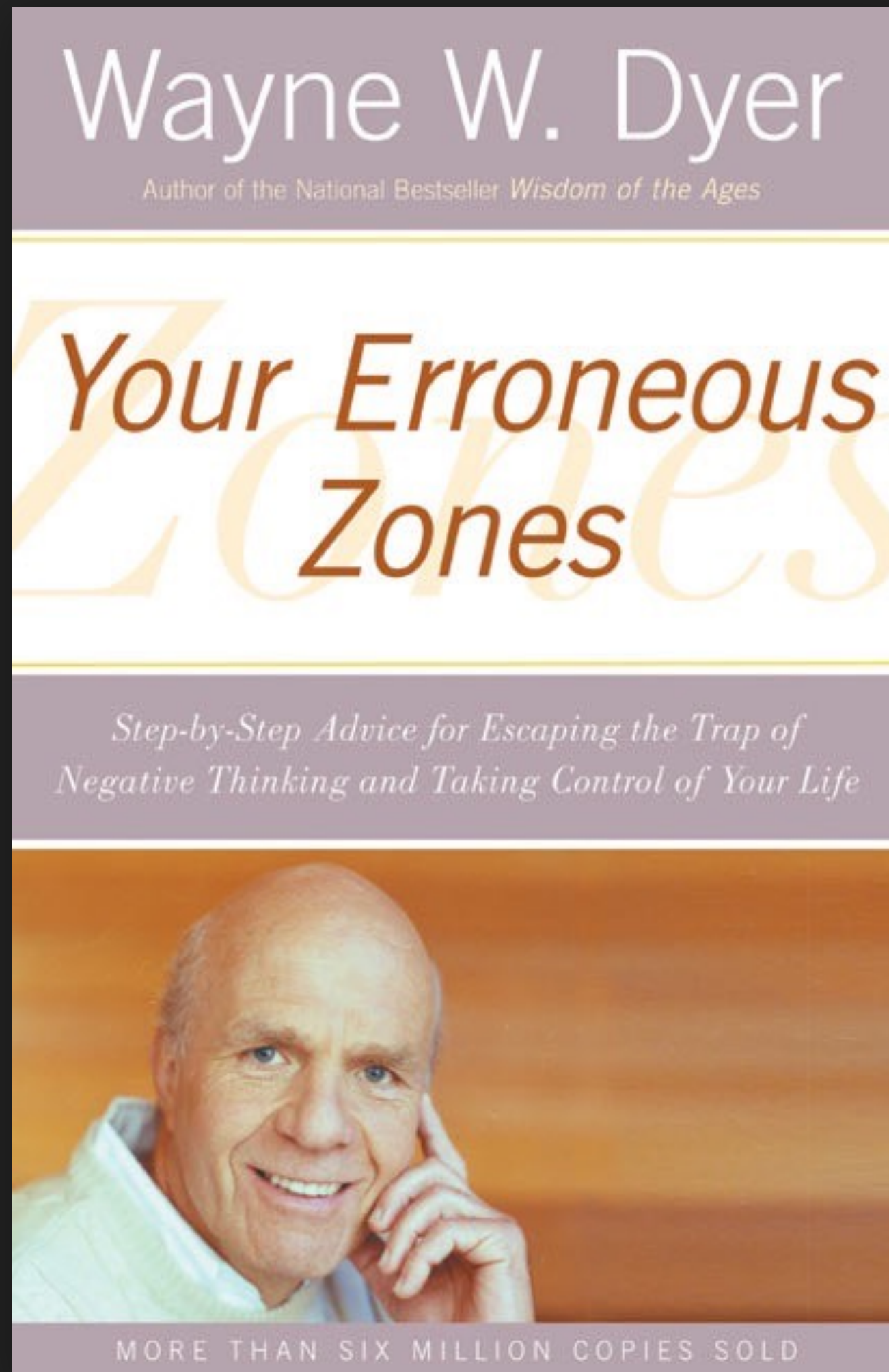
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¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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DESTRUCTIVE RESPONSES TO GUILT ...



Denial of Guilt:

Defy Guilt Until it Goes Away

(Dr Wayne W. Dyer - Erroneous Zone, 90-91)

“Do something which you know is bound to result in feelings of guilt....Take a week to be alone if you have always wanted to do so, despite the guilt-engendering protestation from other members of your family. These kinds of behavior will help you to tackle that...guilt.”

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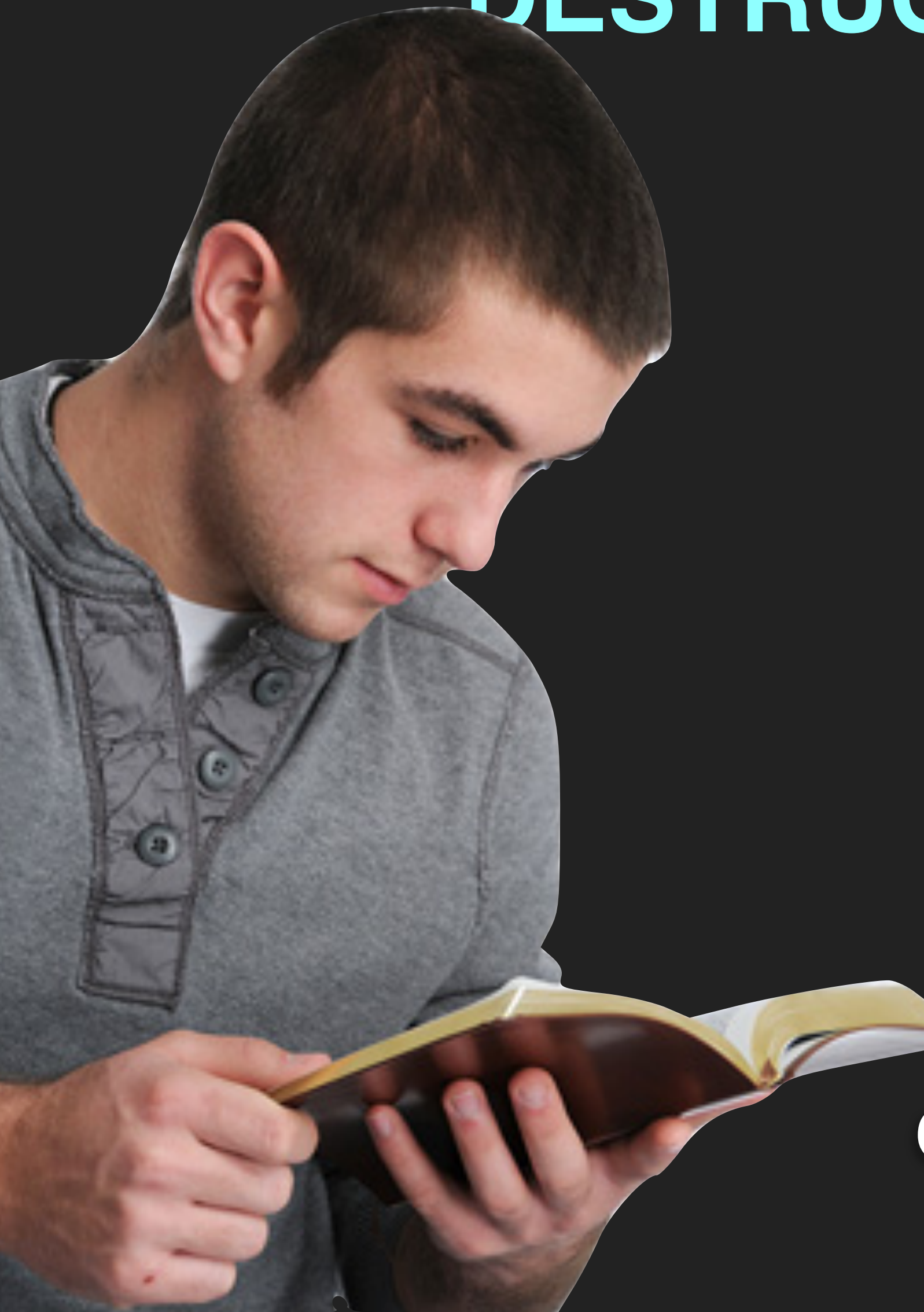
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“Hardened by the deceitfulness of sin”
(Hebrews 3:13)

leads to the “searing of the conscience”
(I Tim 4:2).

Those who suppress the truth in their
conscience will be given over to their desires.
(Rom 1:18-20).



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Denial of Guilt:

Redefine sin as not being sin ...

B.F. Skinner (Harvard professor, founder of behaviorist psychology)

- “Guilt is a myth because man is simply a product of evolution—controlled exclusively by his environment.”



B.F. Skinner

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Denial of Guilt:

By Blaming Others ...

- Freud believed that all guilt came from authoritarian sources, i.e. religion, parents, government, etc.

- Adam & Eve – Gen. 3:12,13

- King Saul – 1 Sam 15:15,20,21

- Ahab – 1 Kings 18:17,18



Sigmund Freud

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Remove the reality of sin,
personal guilt and the
human conscience & You
remove the **FELT** need for a
Savior, for repentance and
redemption.

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Psalms 51:1–17

Acknowledgment -

- ▶ **Acknowledge** our TOTAL dependance upon the mercy of God (Ps 51:1-3)
- ▶ **Acknowledge** our guilt - take responsibility & REPENT (Ps 51:4-6)
- ▶ **Acknowledge** our NEED for God's forgiveness, cleansing, & renewal (Ps. 51:7-17; Eze 18:21-32; Lk 13:3; Acts 17:30)

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Complete Devotion -

- ▶ God will not accept the “double minded” (James 1:8; Mat 6:24)
- ▶ Our guilt SHOULD motivate us to whole hearted devotion as God demands? (Matt 16:24–25; Gal 2:20; 5:24; Phili 3:7-11)
- ▶ ANY area of our life not completely devoted to God leaves an avenue for Satan to attack! (Eph 4:27; 1 Pet 5:8–9)



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Fruit of Repentance -

- ▶ Part of repentance includes restitution (Luke 3:8–14; 19:8; Matt 5:23–24).
- ▶ Restitution is not always possible, but godly sorrow & a devoted life is (Acts 19:18–19; 26:20; Eph 4:28).
- ▶ If we make godly changes in our lives, others can't help but see it (Matt. 5:13-16; 2 Cor 7:9–11; 1 Pet. 4:3-5; Eph. 2:1-10)



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Accept God's Forgiveness -

- ▶ Forgiving ourselves is NOT EASY! Even if we don't feel forgiven, we can know we are (1 Jn. 3:20-21).
- ▶ Paul never forgot his sin (1 Tim. 1:13), yet his hope was firm because he TRUSTED God's forgiveness (2 Tim. 4:8)
- ▶ When we obey the gospel by faith - we are FORGIVEN! (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:9,10)

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Accept Consequences -

- ▶ The consequence of David's sin: "...the sword shall never depart from your house ..." (2 Sam 12:10), even after David said, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam. 12:13).
- ▶ Nathan also told David that the son of Bathsheba would die (2 Sam 12:14,15; 15-23)

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Accept Consequences -

- ▶ In days & years to follow David witnessed:
 - ▶ the death of the child of his sin,
 - ▶ the rape of Tamar by Amnon,
 - ▶ the murder of Amnon by Absalom,
 - ▶ the usurpation of his throne by Absalom,
 - ▶ and the death of Absalom.

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- ▶ Paul was told he would suffer much for the “name of Jesus” (Acts 9:16)
- ▶ Paul speaks of these sufferings in 2 Cor 11:23-27.
- ▶ Paul pleaded with God to remove his thorn in the flesh, but the Lord’s response was, “my grace is sufficient for you.” (2 Cor 12:7-10).



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Use Guilt Positively -

- ▶ Guilt can motivate us to live humbly toward God and those we have sinned against (Matt 5:3; James. 4:8-10).
- ▶ Guilt should help us to be merciful towards those who have sinned against us (Matt 6:14,15; Mark 11:25—26; Col. 3:12—13)



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Use Guilt Positively -

- ▶ Should keep us from further sin by reminding us of the pain we've caused God, others, and ourselves. (1 Cor 15:10; 1 Tim 1:14-17; Col. 3:5; Rom 6:3-22)
- ▶ Should motivate us to give ourselves wholly to God's service (1 Cor 15:10)



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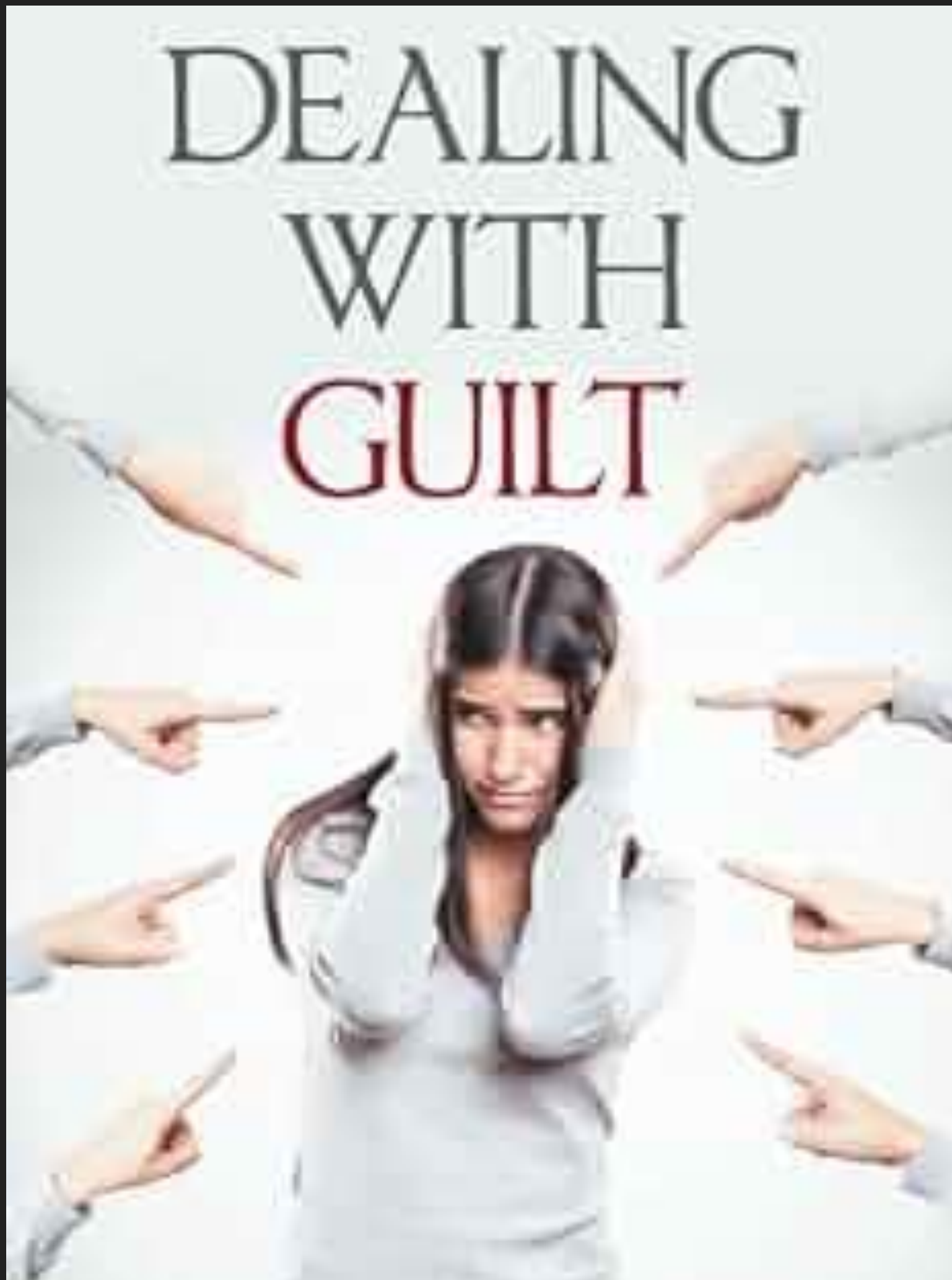
1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which* was with me.



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Acknowledge Guilt!

Complete Devotion To God!

Bear Fruit of Repentance!

Accept God's Forgiveness!

Accept Consequences!

Use Guilt Positively!

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Obey the gospel
(Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col 2:12,13)

Repent, confess & pray
(Acts 8:22; 1 Jn 1:9,10)

LIVE your life FULLY for JESUS
(Matt. 16:24-26; Gal. 2:19–21)

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¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness, *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. ¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.