

MY EMERGENCY NUMBERS - Genesis 1:31

I am Ashamed

Guilt = I am sorry for what I have done.

Shame = I am sorry for who I am.

Most of us have done bad things. Maybe, at the time, we were caught up in the moment (the anger & the energy) & didn't feel bad about it. Things happen so fast sometimes; it's over and we can't believe it.

1. Why did we feel the guilt later?
 - a. Psalm 77:13 "God is _____."
 - b. Habakkuk 1:13 "God is _____."
 - c. Romans 5:12 "Through one _____ sin entered the world."
 - d. Romans 3:23 "Because of that, "all have _____."
 - e. Romans 3:19 "All are _____ before God."
 - f. Genesis 1:27 "God created man in His own _____."

Obviously, we are talking about the "conscience" here.

"Conscience" = "That moral, social and spiritual sensitivity that we got from the image & likeness of God." We resemble God; our inner qualities are patterned after the qualities of God. **WE ARE NOT JUST LIKE GOD. OUR NATURE RESEMBLES HIS.**

2. How did you know that worshipping a rock was wrong? (Your Brief Thoughts)

3. Why is stealing stuff a wrong decision? _____
4. Who told you not to hurt people sexually? _____
5. Why does murder seem so wrong? _____
6. Why did obeying parents seem right? _____

God created these sensitivities into us. **It seems to me that if a Creator makes something, that something will reflect the qualities of the Creator.**

Remember God's words in Exodus 20: "Don't worship anything but Me; Honor your parents; do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal."

Don't forget that we are sinners; we inherited the sin nature from Adam. That means that our consciences are also stained with our sin nature.

7. What happens to our conscience when we accept Christ's sacrifice for our sins? (Hebrews 9:14)
 - a. "_____ our conscience from _____ works to serve the _____ God."

Our conscience before we became a Christian notified us on a lot of things, but it overlooked a lot because our sin nature told it to. When I became a Christian, Jesus cleaned out my conscience so it could work to capacity to help my life & actions honor Him.

Now, the word "conscience" makes sense. "Con" + "science" = "union + awareness." My awareness of what I am doing agrees with God's awareness of what I am doing & the Holy Spirit helps me overcome & change.

8. That's why Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 1:19:

"Have _____ and a _____ conscience."

9. If we are not doing well having a good conscience, what happens?

a. (John 8:9) "We will be _____ by our own _____."

b. (Rom. 9:1) "My conscience is my _____."

So, God uses "guilt" in my conscience to keep me on track. My guilt is known by me first; it could be a private thing which God punishes &/or corrects in my heart & with other people if they were affected. It could become a public thing in which society determines guilt.

In either case, you would be sorry for the offenses; you would be grieved that you hurt people or yourself.

God would expect you to say, "I am sorry for what I did."

God does not expect you to say, "I am sorry for who I am." NO! NO!

GUILT DOES NOT EQUAL SHAME - You have made mistakes & you will make more mistakes; some were/will be very bad. God forgives. YOUR VALUE OR WORTH FROM GOD DOES NOT BECOME LESS BY THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE. NO! NO!

10. You are created in the _____ of God. (Gen. 1:27)

11. Everything that God made was _____. (Gen. 1:31)

**YOU ARE NOT SORRY FOR WHO YOU ARE!!
GOD IS GLAD THAT YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE.**

12. Genesis 2:25 "God created man without _____."
13. Where did shame come from? (Genesis 3:7)
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The devil wants to destroy us & our families & our purpose for living.
WHENEVER WE LISTEN TO SATAN - THERE WILL BE SHAME!!

Gideon thought he was a worthless man. (Judges 6). Match to the verses.

14. **What did Gideon do or say?**
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| a. He needed to hide. | ___ Judges 6:13 |
| b. "If God is really there" | ___ 6:15 |
| c. "Why is the crummy stuff happening" | ___ 6:11 |
| d. "Where are all the miracles" | ___ 6:13 |
| e. "Didn't you lead us into this mess" | ___ 6:27 |
| f. "You left us alone to face the enemy" | ___ 6:17 |
| g. "How can I possibly do anything" | ___ 6:15 |
| h. "I come from a "nobody" family" | ___ 6:13 |
| i. "I am the lowest scum in my family" | ___ 6:15 |
| j. "If you can actually like me" | ___ 6:13 |
| k. "Prove to me that it is You" | ___ 6:23 |
| l. "I know I am a nobody, but don't leave" | ___ 6:17 |
| m. "I am going to die" | ___ 6:18 |
| n. "I am so scared that I can hardly move" | ___ 6:13 |
15. **But God said to Gideon:**
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| a. (6:12) You are valuable - "_____ man of _____" | |
| b. (6:14) You are valuable - "_____ in your _____" | |
| c. (6:14) You are valuable - "You will _____ people" | |
| d. (6:14) You are valuable - "I have _____ you" | |
| e. (6:16) You are valuable - "I will be _____ you" | |
| f. (6:16) You are valuable - "You will _____ them" | |
| g. (6:16) You are valuable - "You are one man" | |
| h. (6:23) You are valuable - "You will not _____ now" | |