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THE LAW OF VOLITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Self-induced or self-made misery is the most common suffering. People in general and Christians in particular cause themselves tremendous anguish both within their souls and in the overt circumstances they created. The law of volitional responsibility recognizes that an individual's decision have natural and logical consequences. In nearly every instance of human suffering, part or the entire problem can be traced back logically to the choices of the one who suffers.

When a person makes bad decisions, suffering will naturally result.

God decreed that man would have free will volition. Volition is the decision of the soul not of the brain. By divine decree, human decisions or indecisions have real consequences for which we are responsible. These are laws of human consequence in which each person's thoughts, decisions, actions, and reactions establish the trends in his life.

Since every human being has free will, we make decisions constantly. Some of those decisions are good, others bad. When we follow protocol we are blessed, when we violate protocol we suffer. As children of God, we must learn God's system and abide by it.

The implication of the law of volitional responsibility is that every human being must take the responsibility for his own decisions and action. We are not free to blame others for our misery and unhappiness but acknowledges any mistakes or bad decisions we have made regarding relationship, motives, activities, and functions in life and accomplishes all the responsibility he has incurred. If he suffers from cause beyond his control, he does not allow the pain to tyrannize his soul.

A growing believer will never allow his soul to be poisoned with bitterness and self-pity, but makes the most of his present options and opportunities through good decisions compatible with the Protocol Plan of God. The Law of volitional responsibility states:

"Be not deceived, God cannot be mocked. Whatever a man sows, this he will also reap (Galatians 6:7).

Anyone who thinks that he can escape from the consequence of personal sins deceives himself. He is forgetting that the sovereign God decreed that man should have free will. If human free will decision has no effect, he would not have free will.

Man has free will and his bad decisions have bad effects.

The seeds planted by a farmer will always produce their own species of plant and fruit. In the same manner, the sins of an individual commit a sprout and follow a natural pattern of growth. The seeds cannot produce a different species or variety. No two seeds are exactly

alike and just as they are affected by nearly infinite combinations of soil and weather; a believer's sins produce suffering in keeping with all the variables of his life. The harvest of suffering will differ from one person to another even if they seem to commit the same categories of sins.

Nobody can escape the consequence of his own decision.

Every bad and wrong decision will result to self-made misery, producing more problems until the believer gives up, and loses control of his soul. The perfect integrity of God will demand His own criteria of perfection – His very own justice. Refusal to accept the grace of God is solid arrogance and arrogance is the cause of most human suffering.