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Blame

"A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else." – John Burroughs

"When you blame others, you give up your power to change." – Robert Anthony

"If at first you don't succeed, blame your parents." – Marcelene Cox

"To err is human, to blame someone else is politics." – Hubert H. Humphrey

"If you don't do your part, don't blame God." – Billy Sunday

This is certainly the generation that loves to blame others for their shortcomings. It may be a parent, a neighbor, an acquaintance, a teacher, a preacher, a politician, a friend, etc. No one wants to accept responsibility for their actions.

As we well know, the blame game is such a big part of biblical history as it started in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve sinned, and God spoke with Adam, instead of taking responsibility Adam blamed Eve, and in part God Himself! "Then the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate'" (Gen. 3:12). Of course Eve followed suit. "And the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Gen. 3:13). With attention then drawn to the serpent is the old joke, "And the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on."

The practice of pointing the finger at others is a common practice in particular for today's youth. They can steal, assault people, and even commit murder. And society propagates this foolishness of "it wasn't their fault" by helping families to win the court of public opinion blaming someone or something. In this age of political correctness, it is not kind to place the blame upon the individual guilty of a certain action.

It is hard to get people to see the ugliness of sin when they won't admit that they have sinned! How can you get someone to repent of their sins when they place the blame on someone or something else? It is like the old Flip Wilson line, "The devil made me do it."

Until people own up to their actions and admit their sin, will then a true repentance follow. Then they can echo the words of the publican, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

On the Day of Judgment, when we stand before God to give an account, the only person we can blame if we are not prepared is ourselves!