



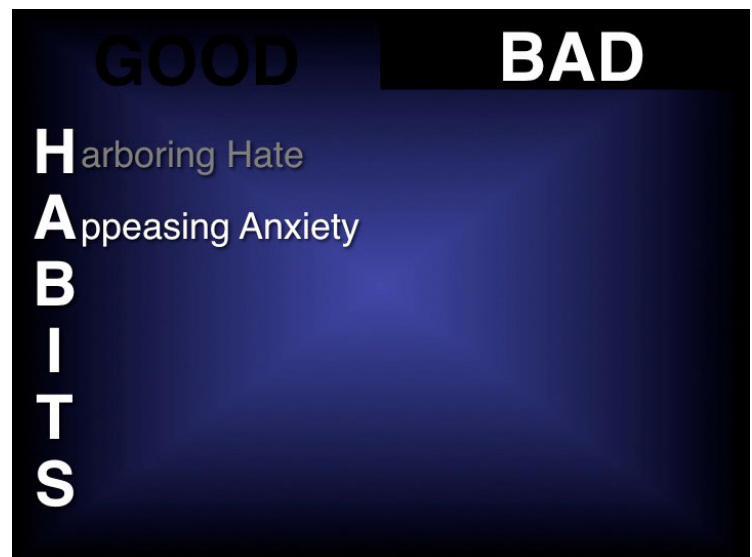
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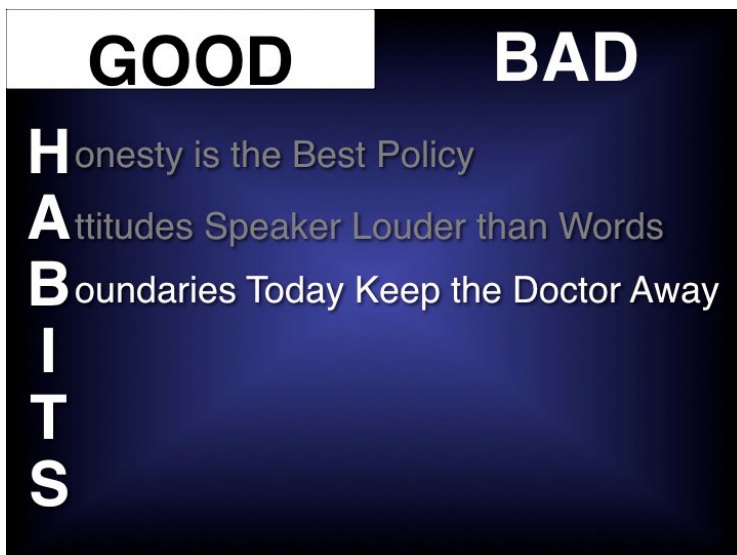
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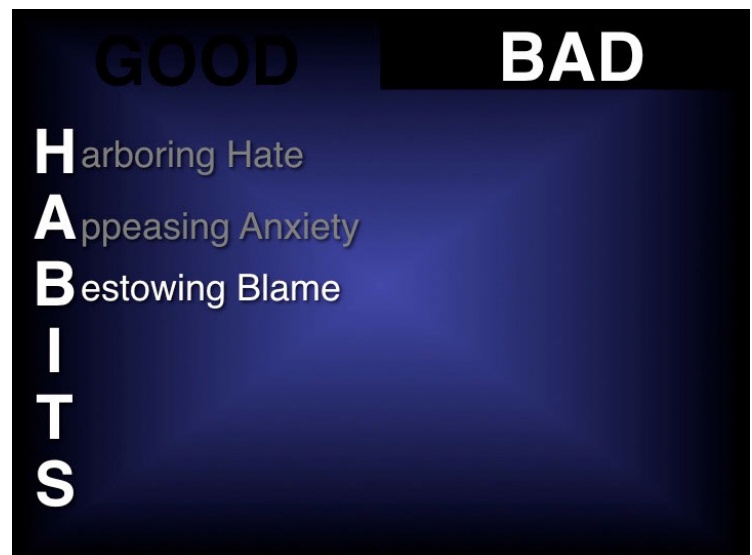
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Bestowing Blame

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Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees. The LORD God called to Adam, "Where are you?"

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He replied, "I heard you, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

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"Yes," Adam admitted, "but it was the woman you gave me who brought me the fruit, and I ate it."

Genesis 3:8-12

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Blame = Be Lame!

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Key Idea:

"A weakened sense of responsibility does not weaken the fact of responsibilities in my life."

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**Sow a thought,
reap a deed.
Sow a deed,
reap a habit.
Sow a habit,
reap a character.
Sow a character,
reap a destiny.**

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**Let's talk about
playing the
"blame game"**

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Playing the "Blame Game"

**When I am afraid
of my faults,
I become defensive**

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Playing the "Blame Game"

- When I am afraid of my faults,
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**When I am afraid of
my feelings,
I become distant**

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Playing the "Blame Game"

- When I am afraid of my faults,
I become defensive
- When I am afraid of my feelings,
I become distant

**When I am afraid of
losing freedom,
I become demanding**

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**Let's think about
avoiding the
"blame trap"**

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Avoiding the "Blame Trap"

**Start with
honesty**

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**"People who cover
their sins will not
prosper. But if they
confess and forsake
them, they will
receive mercy."
Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)**

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**"If we say we have
no sin, we are only
fooling ourselves
and refusing to
accept the truth."
1 John 1:8**

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**"Cleanse me
from my
hidden faults."
Psalm 19:12**

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Avoiding the "Blame Trap"

- Start with honesty

**Speak with
integrity**

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**"Whoever falsely
boasts of giving is
like clouds and
wind without rain."
Proverbs 25:14 (NKJV)**

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**“He who walks
with integrity
walks securely.”**

Proverbs 10:9

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**Reliability and
responsibility
produce stability.**

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Avoiding the “Blame Trap”

- Start with honesty
- Speak with integrity

**Serve with
intensity**

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**“It’s not what we
do that matters,
but how much
love we put into it.”**

—Mother Teresa

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**“If your goals are
good, you will be
respected.”**

Proverbs 11:27

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Avoiding the “Blame Trap”

- Start with honesty
- Speak with integrity
- Serve with intensity

**Share with
generosity**

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Avoiding the “Blame Trap”

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- Speak with integrity
- Serve with intensity
- Share with generosity

**Succeed with
humility**

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**“Pride ends in
humiliation, while
humility brings
honor.”**

Proverbs 29:23

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**Character is
always a matter
of choice!**

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**“Everyone of us
will give account
of himself to God.”**

Romans 14:12

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