



**Transparency**

# Dealing With My **Transparency** Issues

**Genesis 3:1-13**

# Genesis 3:1

Now the **serpent** was more **crafty** than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

## Genesis 3:2-3

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,  
<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”

## Genesis 3:4-5

“You will not surely die,” the **serpent** said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be **like God**, **knowing good and evil.**”

## Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, **who was with her**, and he ate it.

**1. Stop Hiding from God.**

**Genesis 3:7-9**

## Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made **coverings** for themselves.

## Genesis 3:8

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they **hid from the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.

# Genesis 3:9

But the LORD God called to the man,  
**“Where are you?”**

# 1 John 1:9

If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just and will **forgive** us our sins and **purify** us from **all** unrighteousness.

2. Stop Hiding from  
**consequences.**

**Genesis 3:10-11**

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He answered, “I heard you in the garden,  
and **I was afraid** because I was naked;  
so I **hid**.” <sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you  
that you were naked? Have you eaten  
from the tree that I commanded you  
not to eat from?”

# **Ecclesiastes 11:1 (KJV)**

Cast thy bread upon the waters:  
for thou shalt find it after many days.

## Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

# Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the **proper time** we will reap a  
harvest if we do not give up.

3. Stop Hiding from  
**responsibility.**

**Genesis 3:12**

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The man said, “The woman **you** put here with me—**she gave me** some fruit from the tree, and **I ate it.**”

## Luke 23:39

One of the criminals who hung there  
hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the  
Messiah? **Save yourself and us!**”

## Luke 23:40

But the other criminal rebuked him.

“Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?”

# Luke 23:41

We are **punished justly, for we are  
getting what our deeds deserve.**  
But this man has done nothing wrong.”

4. Stop Hiding from  
**accountability.**

**Genesis 3:13**

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Then the LORD God said to the woman,

“What is this **you** have done?”

The woman said, “The **serpent**  
**deceived me**, and **I** ate.”

# Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, **servants**  
of Christ Jesus, ...

# Philemon 1:1a

Paul, a **prisoner** of Christ Jesus, ...

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1. Stop Hiding from **God**.
2. Stop Hiding from **consequences**.
3. Stop Hiding from **responsibility**.
4. Stop Hiding from **accountability**.

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## **STOP!**

Come Out, Come Out,  
Where ever You Are.

## **GAME OVER!**