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## Why Consequences?

In the beginning, God created man perfect and without sin, BUT he also gave man a free will. He only gave mankind **ONE Law** or rule, and that was that they could eat of **ANYTHING** in the garden, **EXCEPT**

**Genesis 2:17** *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Now it wasn't because they hadn't heard it nor misunderstand just what tree, because when Satan (disguised as the serpent) tempted Eve, she new exactly what God had said and what tree it was. Now granted, she may have not fully understood what die meant, but she new what **no** or thou **shalt not** meant.

She was just like the majority of people today, when Satan asks them the same questions. They doubt whether or not God is actually who he thinks or says he is. (thus enters one of the darts (Eph 6:16) - doubt) Then Satan seen she was softening so he hit with the second dart, and that is to question God himself. You know, is he deity, all wise or he maybe he meant something else. This is one of the most popular darts of the devil, to not believe God, to use your carnal reasoning or question God. And I am **NOT** talking about just asking him a question to clarify something. But rather questioning his deity, any time you do not believe his word, you are in reality questioning his deity.

**Genesis 3:2/3** *We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

Now without rules, laws or consequences, you have turmoil and anarchy. look at our present day, it is almost like the days of Noah before God destroyed civilization in the flood and similar to Sodom & Gomorrah in the time of Abraham. (**1Pe 3:20**, **Lu 17:29**, **Ro 1:27**)

**2Timothy 3:2** *For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

Before Moses time there was no law, in other words God did not impute our sins against us. Then god instigated the **LAW**, and the bible says that without the law, sin is dead.

**Romans 7:8** *But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.*

It is the fear of the Law or fear of suffering the consequences that keep people from doing wrong, look again at our society, there is very little fear, especially in the criminal society. There is no punishment to suit the crime anymore, you are found not criminally responsible because you were to drunk or high on drugs to know what you were doing. Little does the legal society know that if there was punishment to fit the crime, most of the people would think twice of getting too high.

A little story about my own kids, when they were young and just starting to crawl around and stand up, they were like any other child. They would see something on the coffee table or whatever and they would want to pick it up and usually stick it in their mouth. I was taught the meaning of the word **NO** or **STOP** since my earliest recollection and we trained our children the same way.

We would shake our head and say **NO** then take it away from them and put it back where it was when they picked it up (**not way up out of the way so they couldn't reach it**). You knew they were going to do it again but this time you raised your voice a bit (**not yell**), and if they persisted, we would take it away again and give them a slight slap on the hand and say **NO**, and again put the object back where it was.

It didn't take long for either of our kids to learn what **NO**, or **Don't touch** meant, after they learn't that basic rule, they would be crawling around and see something that caught their eye and go to pick it up and their reach would stop all of a sudden and nobody has said a word. sometimes they would look at the wife or me and if we shook our head no, they would ignore the object and carry on. We did a lot of visiting at other homes and every place we went the people would rave at how our kids never

touched or picked up their nicknacks.

I had one lady ask how come your kids are so well mannered? So I told her and she said in no uncertain terms that that was cruel, you should reason with them. I told her that it's impossible to reason with a one or two year old, they don't have a clue what you're talking about. But something they can relate too, a little slap don't hurt them but it doesn't take them long to relate the slap to they're touching. If you ever get the chance, watch a mother dog correct a pup if it doesn't respond right. It will suddenly growl and snap their mouth at them and if you go by the yelp the pup makes you'd think its bit it in half and in reality she only barely nipped it.

Now granted over the years, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," has been blown way out of proportion and has ended up a beating, the bible does not teach that.

In most cases the parent is angry when applying correction and instead of a slap it becomes a beating. There are many kinds of discipline but if you have never taught a child what **NO** means and that your word is **TRUE** and you'll back up what you say. You will have no problem, until school, where now they are taught that there is no God, the parents are wrong and society is right

**I do not care if you're a Christian, Atheist, Religious or just a nice person, if you have no rules, laws or consequences, YOU ARE FULFILLING THE END TIME SCRIPTURES FASTER THEN YOU THINK.**

**Revelation 3: 10** *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*