



Riding the Guilt Trip Express!

Lesson 15 • Job 15-21

We Need to Be DISCERNING

when it comes *to declaring others guilty* and *dealing with our own guilt*.

Job 15-21 covers the *second round of debate* between Job and his three miserable comforters.

We Need to Be Discerning when Dealing with Guilt Because...

1. There Are Two Kinds of Guilt: True Guilt and False Guilt.

- **True Guilt** comes from **GOD** through a variety of means for the purpose of confession of actual sin with the ultimate goal of reconciliation.
- **False Guilt** comes from the **DEVIL** through a variety of means for the purpose of condemnation of actual or alleged sin with the ultimate goal of further rejection.

2. There Are Two Kinds of People on the Guilt Trip Express: Conductors and Riders.

- **Guilt Trip "Conductors"** who **TAKE** others for a ride on the "Guilt Trip Express."
- **Guilt Trip "Riders"** who **LET** others take them for a ride on the "Guilt Trip Express."

How to Stop Being a "Rider" on the Guilt Trip Express

1. CLING by Faith to What God Says about Your Sin, Guilt, and Blamelessness in Christ Jesus.

"But it is still my consolation, and I rejoice in unsparing pain, that I have not denied the words of the Holy One." Job 6:10

"I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:12

When Pressured to Get on the Guilt Trip Express, Job Responds by Faith in What He Knows Only God Can Provide:

- I need a **MEDIATOR** between GOD and Me that **ONLY GOD** can provide!

"He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more. Then I would speak up without fear of him, but as it now stands with me, I cannot." Job 9:32-35 NIV

- I need an **INTERCESSOR** with GOD that **ONLY GOD** can provide!

"O earth, do not cover my blood, nor let there be a secret place for my cry. Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; and he contends with God on behalf of man as a man pleads for his friend." Job 16:18-21 NET

- I need a **GUARANTOR** with GOD from GOD HIMSELF!

"My spirit is broken, my days are extinguished, The grave is ready for me. Surely mockers are with me, And my eye gazes on their provocation. Lay down, now, a pledge for me with Yourself; Who is there that will be my guarantor?" Job 17:1-3 NAS

- I need a **REDEEMER** who LIVES and RULES and WILL RAISE ME from the dead and is GOD HIMSELF!

"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" Job 19:25-27 NIV

When Pressured to Get on the Guilt Trip Express,
CLING by FAITH to the ONE WE KNOW IS JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!

Colossians 2:13; Romans 5:16; Ephesians 1:3-4; 1Corinthians 1:7-9; 2Peter 3:14; Jude 24-25

2. CONFESS Your Sins to God on a Consistent Basis through Christ Jesus.

"Job would...consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually." Job 1:5

"Teach me, and I will be silent; And show me how I have erred." Job 6:24

To Resist the False Accusations of Your Adversary and His Accusers...

➤ Keep **SHORT** accounts with God and others.

1) We need to confess our sins to **GOD**. 1 John 1:9

2) We need to confess our sins on a **DAILY** basis, at the very least. Matthew 6:11-12

3) We need to confess our sins against **OTHERS** to them with the utmost **URGENCY**. Matthew 5:22-24

➤ Be **QUICK** to admit your sin when confronted by others of actual sin and true guilt. Job 6:24; 32:12

➤ Seek to live blameless by sinning **LESS**.

3. COUNTER Your Guilt Trip "Conductors" by Truthing in Love and Turning Them Over to the Just and Merciful Judge, Christ Jesus.

➤ **SPEAK** the truth in love to them.

"but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ," Ephesians 4:15

➤ **LIVE** the truth in love toward them.

"But practicing the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head." Ephesians 4:15 NET

➤ **TURN** them over in love to the just and merciful Judge. Genesis 50:20; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; 1Peter 4:19

4. CHOOSE to Wait for God to Clear Your Name.

"But [God] knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10

"For I am not conscious of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this. The One who evaluates me is the Lord. Therefore don't judge anything prematurely, before the Lord comes, who will both bring to light what is hidden in darkness and reveal the intentions of the hearts. And then praise will come to each one from God." 1 Corinthians 4:4-5

Be Discerning! Don't Let Others Take You for a Ride on the Guilt Trip Express!

True guilt graciously comes from God who is the only One who can help you deal with it and be free of it forever through the shed blood and finished work of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Next Steps: Who has tried to take you for a ride on the "Guilt Trip Express"?

Pray for them and turn them over to the just and merciful Judge for His forgiveness. Go to them and talk honestly about it with much grace, humility, and a heart of forgiveness. Be forgiving toward them even if they refuse to confess it or ask you for forgiveness. Wait for God to deal with them and set boundaries in order to stay off their "Guilt Trip Express."