

## Consequences

### Description

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Exodus 20:15; 22:1-4

Consequences are difficult to accept, especially for a child. Recently, my son struggled with a choice between two consequences. He was having a rough morning, but we had promised to go to the water park that day. We told him that he could either make better choices and have a short time-out at the pool, or he could continue to make poor choices, stay home, and miss the water park entirely. In his mind, neither choice was satisfactory. He wanted to have zero consequences for his behavior.

Sometimes we hope for "zero consequences" as well. After all, God is a loving God and our actions, we sometimes feel, should be met with mercy and grace. We are good people; we do our best.

While God is abounding in mercy and overflowing with grace, living the Christian life is not a free pass. God promises to be our strength in times of trial. "LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress."

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