

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

PART 2: The Blame Game

INTRODUCTION

“Don’t hate the player. Hate the game.” We’re all players in the game of relationships. But when we play games in relationships, everyone loses. One of the most dangerous games we play is *The Blame Game*. When we’re guilty, it’s tempting to blame others for our choices. But putting the blame on others is toxic to our relationships. The good news is there’s a better way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How competitive are you? What are some benefits to being highly competitive? What are some drawbacks?
2. Read Romans 2:1. What person or group of people are you tempted to judge? How do you think your judgment let’s you off the hook for your choices and actions?
3. When you think about the junk that has happened in your life, does quitting The Blame Game in your relationships seem unrealistic or unfair? Why or why not?
4. Think of how you play The Blame Game in a key relationship. Why do you think you blame instead of taking responsibility for your own words and actions? How might you grow personally in that relationship if you quit The Blame Game?
5. What are some obstacles that stand in the way of you forgiving others? What would it take for you to get past those obstacles?
6. What is one thing you can do to begin to quit The Blame Game and forgive in that key relationship? What can this group do to help you?

MOVING FORWARD

The Blame Game keeps you from the relationships you could have. The Blame Game keeps you from being the person you could be. It stunts you. It prevents you from improving yourself and improving your relationships because when you blame, you stay the same. If there’s someone else to blame, there’s nothing for you to work on. So, it’s time for you to quit The Blame Game. Choose to forgive others as God forgave you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you have a grievance against someone. Forgive as the LORD forgave you.

Colossians 3:13