

# SELF DECEPTION

***Gal. 6:1-3***



## ***Many Deceive Themselves About Sin***

- Minimize or deny their own sins, while clearly seeing those of others. (I Jn. 1:8; Matt. 7:1-5; Lk. 18:9-14)
- Blame God for their sins – (Gen. 3:12; Rom. 1:26-27; Js. 1:13; I Cor. 10:13)
- God is not really concerned about my sins. (Mal. 2:17; 3:5; Ps. 50:21)
- Believe that circumstances can justify sin – situation ethics. (I Cor. 6:9-11; Rev. 21:8)
- Believe that God's law can be violated without consequence. (Gen. 3:4; Prov. 13:15; Rom. 1:27; Matt. 25:30)

## *Many Deceive Themselves About Excuses*

- God will accept my excuses:
  - Did not accept those of Moses. (Ex. 3:10-4:17)
  - Those who refused the invitation to the great supper. (Lk. 14:16-24)
  - The “one talent man”. (Matt. 25:24-30)
- God demands obedience – not excuses. (1 Sam. 15:22-23)

# ***Many Deceive Themselves About Time***

- I Don't have enough time.
  - Self-deception to rationalize failure to do what we should. (Js. 4:17)
  - We find the time to do the things that are most important to us. (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:1-2)
  - The Bible tells us how to use our time. (Col. 4:5; I Pet. 4:2)
- I have plenty of time.
  - Self-deception that enables procrastination.
  - This deception is presumptive. (Acts 24:25; Js. 4:14; Jn. 9:4)