

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our  
King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth;  
Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## Removing Obstacles—Credit & Blame

We all have obstacles in our lives, some we have control over and others we don't. The key is learning how to live with, deal with, go around, or simply remove them from the way.

Obstacles are defined as hindrances in our life and play a huge role in our dedication to God, the church, and even our own families. Each Christian needs to learn how to recognize them, how they affect us, and how to remove them.

Today we look at the obstacles of Credit and Blame. None of us like "taking the blame" for something, we all want the credit. Today we understand the phrase, "Be Slow to take the Credit, and Quick to take the Blame."

Each of us are going to make mistakes in life, but the true testament for each of us, is how we react to our mistakes. Are you someone who looks for someone else to take the fall for you? Maybe someone you can put the blame on, because you do not want to get into trouble? But, when there is credit to be handed out, are you then someone who runs to the head of the line to accept the accolades of a job well done?

Here's the problem, on the day of judgment you and you alone will stand before God. You will not be able to pass your condemnation onto others. No one will be at fault for you. And the opposite is also true, you will not take someone else's credit.

## Removing Obstacles—Credit & Blame

### \* Removing obstacles

The Goal: Taking away things which stand in the way and hinder our progress of serving God.

### \* I'll take the Credit!

Saul went out for a blessing.

### \* It's not my fault!

Well...there are a lot of circumstances, I had to do what I did. J U S T I F I C A T I O N

### \* You will take the Blame!

You acted foolishly

### \* A simple command

God said—God utterly destroy

Saul and the people spared

### \* Look at what I did!                      Yes! Look at what you did!

Saul looks for blessing, honor, and the pat on the back.

Samuel tells him, he didn't obey.

### \* They did it wrong

The people disobeyed!

### \* Do we get it?

God wants obedience. He wants us to heed His voice.