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**That they must STOP repeating!**

**Ezekiel 18:3**

**‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.**





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**Proverbs 18:21**

The tongue has the power of life and death,



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**2 Corinthians 10:5**

and we take captive every thought to make it  
obedient to Christ



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**Ephesians 4:26-27**

**'In your anger do not sin: do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.**



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**Matthew 18:18**

**‘Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**



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**Ezekiel 18:4**

**4 For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child – both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.**



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**Ezekiel 18:5, 9**

**'Suppose there is a righteous man  
who does what is just and right.  
... He follows my decrees  
and faithfully keeps my laws.  
That man is righteous;  
he will surely live,  
declares the Sovereign Lord.**



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**Ezekiel 18:10, 13**

**'Suppose he has a violent son, who sheds blood  
or does any of these other things**

**...**

**Will such a man live? He will not!**



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**Ezekiel 18:14, 17**

**But suppose this son has a son who sees all the sins his father commits, and though he sees them, he does not do such things:  
... He will not die for his father's sin; he will surely live.**



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3. because you can be free!

**Ezekiel 18:32**

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**Romans 12:2**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind



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## 2. RECEIVE a new heart

**Ezekiel 11:19**

**I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.**



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**Ezekiel 36:26**

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.**



