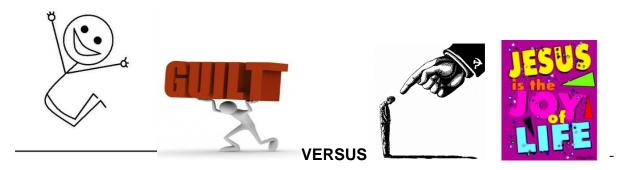
Guilt-Free/Shame-Free Living

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GUILT says	SHAME says	God's Answer
I did something bad/stupid	I AM bad SOURCE: Satan	YES YOU DID my child, but remember Micah 7:9 You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
I made a huge mistake & can't forgive myself (rumination)	I am a mistake and worthless SOURCE: Satan	 YES YOU DID my child, but remember Hebrews 10: 22 "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience" Ephesians 3:18-19 ", together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ NIV Philippians 3:13, "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."
I ate the whole thing!	I will never be strong enough to eat healthy foods. I will be fat forever	 YES YOU DID my child, but remember Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said unto them, neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. Ephesians 3: 16-19 I pray thathe may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF ABOUT YOUR CHOICES

- Why do I eat healthy foods?
 - o My mama and all medical/nutrition expets tell me it is good for me
 - o They keep me from getting sick so often and make me feel better. My skin is better.
 - o The ones I like taste really good
 - I want to avoid feeling bad about not eating good foods

- Why do I sometimes eat junk processed food sometimes?
 - o It tastes good even though I feel guilty after reading the ingredients
 - o It is cheap and readily available
- Why do I feel guilty when I enjoy a (or a few) not-so-healthy treat?
 - o I know I should do better and feel like a failure (shame) sometimes
- Why do I like to eat vegan/vegetarian?
 - o I want God's original eating plan for my life to eed to be healthier
 - o I want to be an earth friendly steward of the animals and environment

How to live guilt/shame free!

- 1. Establish a relationship with Christ. Spend time feeling loved daily
- 2. Ask for forgiveness.
- 3. Believe forgiveness has been received and the power to overcome has also been received
- 4. Remind yourself that ruminating on past mistakes hinders us from confidently approaching God. Leave inspirational notes throughout your house, car, or work area.
 - a. "Philippines 3:13, "...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."
- 5. Make a plan. Say "I will" instead of "I will try"

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There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever.

-Mahatma Gandhi