

## ***Taking Responsibility***

### ***Genesis 4:1-12***

We misapply Scripture if we don't apply teaching about the family to the \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

Cain and Abel were the offspring of Adam and Eve. Cain was a farmer and Abel, a shepherd. Each knew of their \_\_\_\_\_ to make offerings to God. Each sacrificed the fruit of their \_\_\_\_\_. Abel's sacrifice was accepted. Cain's was not. Whatever the reason, God's response to Cain about his anger after his failed offering reveals our 1st application from the text. His statement reveals that being angry with someone, especially a \_\_\_\_\_, either about your failure or theirs is not going to serve you well. Anger only creates a \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to more failure—to \_\_\_\_\_. It desires to \_\_\_\_\_ you, to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

We all bear some \_\_\_\_\_ from the wounds of our \_\_\_\_\_. God's solution for Cain was to take \_\_\_\_\_ for how he responded to the hurts he endured, not \_\_\_\_\_ Abel or take his anger out on him.

The 2nd application for us is gleaned from Cain's question to God: "Am I my brother's keeper?" That's when God's \_\_\_\_\_ with Cain ran thin. There is no excuse for a family not to \_\_\_\_\_ for its own. To hate and hurt a family member is possibly the \_\_\_\_\_ to our Heavenly Father in which we can be involved. He \_\_\_\_\_ for all His children.

God created families and the family of God for us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for one another because, if we truly love Him, we love what \_\_\_\_\_. We take responsibility for the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of each other.

To be honest, Cain's response to the hurt he felt was the natural, \_\_\_\_\_ way. Resentment, anger, trying to destroy a brother or sister, these can only be overcome by \_\_\_\_\_ them as sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to enable you finally to overcome.