

Failure, fault, and blame

When Sorry Isn't Enough

Effective apology is _____ for healthy relationships.

Accepting _____ - "I was _____."

_____ = POSSESSING THE MEANS OR SKILL NECESSARY TO _____
IN THE _____ WAY.

One of the most important factors in _____ is the willingness to admit that you were _____.

James 5:13-16 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 4:1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

_____ **responsibility**

Do not...

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Do...

- avoid _____.
- _____ all your words, actions, and life.
- own the _____, not just the _____.

My apology is about _____ ability, not _____ ability.

The validity of my _____ doesn't validate my _____.

We are feeling our need for _____

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The only _____ that will destroy you is the one you're unwilling to _____.

- I know that what I did was wrong. I could try to excuse myself, but there is no excuse. Pure and simple, what I did was selfish and wrong.
- I made a big mistake. At the time, I didn't think much about what I was doing. But in retrospect, I guess that's the problem. I wish I had thought before I acted. What I did was wrong.
- The way I spoke to you was wrong. I spoke out of anger, trying to justify myself. The way I talked to you was unkind and unloving. I hope you will forgive me.
- I repeated a mistake that we've discussed before. I really messed up. I know that it was my fault.