

Are you using excuses?

“So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12

There once was a man who was a desperate alcoholic. He had been married and divorced twice, had been in and out of jail, and could never hold down a decent job. His life was pathetic.

He had twin sons from his first marriage. One son grew up to be a prominent and well-respected lawyer who was happily married and the father of three children. He was a leader in his church and considered a pillar of the community.

His brother, on the other hand, was just the opposite. Like his father, he had been divorced, twice, was often in and out of jail, and could not land a good, long-lasting job. In addition, he suffered from a 15 year old alcohol addiction.

One day a reporter asked the two sons, “why are you the way you are?”

They both gave the same answer “I am the way that I am because of my father.”

The first man was an over comer. He decided that he was not going to let the mistakes of his father ruin his life.

The second son gave in and said to himself, *What chance do I have?* He was defeated before he even started.

We can give excuses and blame others when we are not reaching our own potential. God has a plan for us. We need to get beyond our past and do exactly what we know that He wants us to be!