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"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31)

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The Criminal Mind – Part 2

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Welcome back to continue our examination of the criminal mind. This article comes from a report on click2Houston.com about a Houston bank robbery that took place on April 22, 2011. In part 1 is the question of why these criminals would rob a bank and brag about it on Facebook.

Also in part 1, we saw that the criminal mind not only has an ego problem, but is also arrogant and irresponsible. Yet, the next question we will address has to do with the root cause of someone becoming a criminal. Is a criminal a victim of a broken home or perhaps because they come from an impoverish upbringing? There are many people who come from broken homes or may have an upbringing in poverty. Yet, these same individuals do not grow up to be criminals; therefore, these are only excuses. A lot of criminals have had a stable upbringing where both parents lived together and reared them. These individuals still chose to become a criminal. The criminal mind has no social boundaries. Thus, you will have criminals from poor or wealthy upbringings, stable or unstable homes, as well as criminals from every racial group in life.

Another view of the criminal is that they are mentally ill and do not know the difference between right or wrong. The suspects in our featured news story had nothing wrong with their mental function. These individual's actions were, not only calculating, but deliberate. There are some criminals who know the law extremely well. In addition, the criminal mind is very cunning in fooling, not only psychiatrists, but the courts system as well. These individuals look forward to doing time in a psychiatric hospital and having an early release.

Therefore, the criminals in our story are products of their own human free will. These criminals willingly chose from their own free will to do what they did. Let us take a look at what the Bible teaches about our free will according to Epistle to the Galatians 6:7-8:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (KJV Gal. 6:7-8)

Our choices, whether they are good or bad, have natural consequences. Thus, our choices will always dictate if we sow the repercussions of sinful choices or not. The law of volitional responsibility in these verses teaches us that we must all take responsibility for our choices, there is no excuse.

In our next installment of this article we will learn the solution to overcome bad choices.