

INAPPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE MISDEEDS OF THE BODY

Romans 8:13

We should terminate the practices that the Holy Spirit points out as wrong. But instead, we often try to make excuses.

Response

Denying that these habits or actions are part of our life

Disclaiming our knowing participation

Continuing to give in to those patterns

Creating elaborate excuses

Minimizing or covering up the misdeeds

Hiding behind a façade of legalism

Example

“I haven’t done or couldn’t do something like that.”

“I wasn’t sure if it was right or wrong.”

“I’m weak, but at least I’m being honest about it.”

“I was deprived as a child. It’s not really a habit. I tried to resist.”

“At least I’m not as bad as she is.”

“I’m doing so many things right; those wrong things don’t count!”