Introduction: The origin of this statement is when people would hoe their crops. Similar statement is "They made their bed now they have to lie in it." Most of the problems we have is due to our own decisions.

**I) Bible Passages Which Makes This Point**

**A) The way of the sinner is .**  **Proverbs 26.10; 13.15**, **Acts 9.5; 26.14.**

**B) You are going to reap what you .**  **Hosea 8.7**; **Galatians 6.7**

**C) Sin is a**  **Proverbs 14.34; John 8.34;** **Romans 6.15-16, 23**.

**II) Biblical Examples of People Who Choose a Hard Row To Hoe**

**A**) **Cain choose to . Genesis 4.13**

1. He could of chosen to offer a sacrifice that would please God.  **1 John 3.12**

2. His punishment seemed severe, **Genesis 4.10ff.**

**B) David choose to , 2 Samuel 11**

1. His punishment was severe, **2 Samuel 12.7-15.**

2. The child died, **2 Samuel 12.16**, **2 Samuel 13; 16.22; 18.33.**

**C) Israel choose to worship the , Jeremiah 6.16**, **Amos 7.17**.

**III) Hard Rows to Hoe Today**

**A) A child who decides to , Proverbs 13.1; 1.6; 6.20; 23.25;13.18; 19.25**

**B) Person who decides to live according to Romans 8.5**

1. We live in a society that wants to play and have a good time all the time.

2. Much like the Prodigal Son in **Luke 15**.

3. Where were his friends? Where was his family? Where was God?

**C) A Person Who Decides To Forsake , Malachi 2.16**

1. This obviously applies when a person is unfaithful to their spouse, Matthew 19.

2. This also applies when a person just decides they are tired of marriage and divorces. **1 Corinthians 7.2**

**D) A Person Who Decides To Hebrews 6.4-6**; **2 Peter 2.18-22.**

**E) A Person Who Decides To**

1. List of people who decided to wait; the rich young ruler, king Agrippa, **Acts 26.28**. and Henry.

2. Today is the day of salvation, **2 Corinthians 6.2.**

3. Almost persuaded -- is a hard row to hoe.