

Living in Faith – part 8
FAITH TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN LIFE

3 Foes Of Personal Responsibility

- The 'rights' mentality: "I demand my rights."
- The 'victim' mentality: "It's not my fault."
- The 'entitlement' mentality: "I deserve it."

"Live life with a sense of responsibility, not as those who don't know the meaning of life, but as those who do." Eph. 5:15 (Ph)

WHY LIVE RESPONSIBLY?

1. Because God Is Watching My Life.

"Nothing in all the world can be hidden from God. Everything is open before him, and to him we must explain the way we have lived." Heb. 4:13 (NCV)

"Each of us will have to give a personal account to God." Rom. 14:12 (NLT)

2. Because Others Are Affected By My Life.

"People should be concerned about others and not just about themselves." 1 Cor. 10:24 (GWT)

3. Because God Rewards It

"You will experience all God's blessings if you obey the Lord." Deut. 28:2 (NCV)

"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given." Matt. 25:29 (NLT)

HOW CAN I DARE TO BE A MORE RESPONSIBLE PERSON?

1. By Controlling My Reaction

"A fool expresses all his emotions, but a wise person controls them." Prov. 29:11 (NCV)

"People will be responsible for every careless word they've said." Matt. 12:36 (NCV)

"Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good." Rom. 12:21 (NLT)

2. By Admitting My Mistakes

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Prov. 28:13

"Don't point your finger at someone else and try to pass the blame!" Hosea 4:4 (NLT)

"All of us have fallen short...yet God declares us 'not guilty' if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins." Rom. 3:23-24 (LB)

3. By Abandoning My Rights

"Marriage is not a place to stand up for your rights. Marriage is a decision to serve the other." 1 Cor. 7:4 (Message)

"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God. Instead of this, of His own free will, He gave up all He had and took the nature of a servant." Phil. 2:5-7 (NLT, TEV)