

Being Responsible

Irresponsible people refuse to take responsibility for the things they are responsible for.

Problem

- Irresponsibility is easily seen in others, but my irresponsibility is hard for me to see in the mirror!

Observations

- Our society is becoming increasingly more irresponsible.
- Irresponsibility can be contagious.
- Irresponsibility impacts the community.

We all have a bent towards being irresponsible.

We know when irresponsibility was introduced to the human race.

Genesis 1:27-29

We were created to be responsible.

In the beginning, there was lots of responsibility, but only one rule.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:8-11

When people take responsibility for the things they are responsible for - beginning with themselves - they don't need many rules.

Genesis 3:12-13

Irresponsibility Creates Conflict in Others

- Irresponsibility that leads to blame always creates conflict.
- Where there is blame there is often shame and guilt.
- Every time we intentionally or unintentionally don't take responsibility, we create conflict somewhere with someone.

Application

- 1. Monitor how many times you blame in one week.**
- 2. When you experience some sort of conflict this week, ask yourself the question; *“What slice of the pie is my responsibility?”***