

# Taking Responsibility

It requires humility to face up to our issues and to take ownership. Taking responsibility for our mistakes is so important.

As Christians we have a responsibility, we know the truth, we know right and wrong.

We have a responsibility to try and be like Jesus!

We have a responsibility to do good.

We have a responsibility to bear good fruit.

*Matthew 25:14-30*

We have a responsibility to give what we have of ourselves to Gods purposes within our lives.

God has given all of us a set of abilities, he won't ask us to do anything that is outside of our ability.

We need to continually work with what we've been given and develop our abilities.

If we don't develop ourselves and our relationship with God, then we won't be trusted with more responsibility.

*Genesis 3:6-13*

*12-13: The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”*

Most of the time, taking responsibility is not our first reaction. We might blame someone else or get defensive.

Our irresponsibility will always become someone else’s responsibility. There are consequences to our actions.

Jesus apostles carried on his purpose of spreading the message of salvation and risked their lives doing it.

They were not hesitant, they took on the responsibility, they fulfilled their purpose, and were thankful for their sufferings.

*1 Samuel 15:22-24 “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.*

*<sup>23</sup> Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”<sup>24</sup> Then Saul admitted to Samuel, “Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord’s command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.*

Our obedience to God is so much more important than simply following a set of rules or rituals.

With obedience comes sacrifice. We need to sacrifice our fleshly desires.

It comes with a cost!

We need to give up our fleshly yearnings, our materialistic tendencies, our worldly desires.

*Acts 4:19-20* But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? <sup>20</sup> We cannot stop talking about everything we have seen and heard.”

*Acts 5:29* “We must obey God rather than any human authority.

Who are we obeying?

We need to have the fear of God within our lives.

*Luke 16:9-11*

*11: And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?*

There are so many people that need God!

We need to become that responsible Christ follower so we can reach more people! That's our purpose.

But we are dealing with life in eternity with God.  
Let's not forget that.

We need to take responsibility for our lives and  
forgive that person, surrender to God, and be  
obedient!

There is a lot on the line.

When we take responsibility for our own lives, we  
can help others take responsibility for theirs and  
help others achieve eternal life with God.