



Lessons for Life

Responsibility Is A Value

Declining Values – 2

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Opposing Principles of Responsibility

- The 'RIGHTS' mentality
- The 'VICTIM' mentality
- The 'ENTITLEMENT' mentality

"Live life with a sense of responsibility, not as those who don't know the meaning of life, but as those who do."

Ephesians 5:15 (Ph)

I. WHY LIVE RESPONSIBLY?

1. Because I Am **ACCOUNTABLE** To God

"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."
Hebrews 4:13 (NCV)

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

2. Because My Life **AFFECTS** Others

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

3. Because God **REWARDS** It

II. HOW CAN I BE A MORE RESPONSIBLE PERSON?

1. I Can **SAVE** Money For The Future

"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets."
Proverbs 21:20 (LB)

"The fool thinks only about having a good time."
Ecclesiastes 7:4 (NLT)

2. I Can **CONTROL** My Reactions

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

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

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

3. I Can **GUARD** My Mind

"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash." Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

4. I Can **ADMIT** 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."
Proverbs 28:13 (LB)

"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 now God declares us `not guilty'...if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our *sins*."
Romans 3:23-24 (LB)