

## Personal Responsibility

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### Introduction

1. Ephesians 4:16
2. We say that we have concern for the church... but do we try to relieve ourselves from responsibility by saying it is the church's responsibility?
3. Who is the church? Acts 2:47; Romans 12:4-5
4. Each individual will stand before God 2 Corinthians 5:10 Romans 14:12
5. Yet we must work as a unit 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
6. We also understand that each individual must obey God in the first principles Acts 16:30
7. As we walk onward and upward toward heaven we each have a responsibility toward God and the church.
8. This is what we want to discuss in this lesson

### II Discussion

1. We have the personal responsibility to be pure. 2 Corinthians 11:2
  1. Our conduct, or manner of life be worthy of the Gospel Philipians 1:27 ASV, NKJV
    1. Roman citizenship had its privileges Paul used it
    2. Proud to be an American
    3. Are we proud to be a citizen in the kingdom of God
    4. If we were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict us?
  2. We try to live as we want and rely on the grace of God to cover us Romans 6:1-2
    1. Do we have the desire to live as Christ would have us to live? Philipians 3:13
2. We have a personal responsibility to know Ephesians 1:9, 18
  1. To know love Ephesians 3:18-19
  2. To grow up Ephesians 4:15
  3. To not be unwise Ephesians 5:17
3. We have a personal responsibility to worship God John 4:23-24
  1. The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments Ecclesiastes 12:13
  2. How little can I do and get by?
4. We have the personal responsibility to fellowship. 1 Corinthians 12:25-26
  1. How does this body care for herself?
  2. We can have strength from binding us together Ephesians 4:16
5. We have the personal responsibility to bear fruit. John 15:1-7
  1. We need to abound (overflow) in all these things 2 Peter 1:5, 8; 2 Corinthians 8:7
  2. Galatians 5:22-23 the fruit we are to bear.

### III Conclusion

1. We have personal responsibility to be pure, worship, fellowship, and to bear fruit, have you accepted your personal responsibility to God?
2. There is no way to avoid them
3. We have to walk this lonesome valley all by ourselves.
4. Why not lift the burden of sin from off your back and come to Christ.

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