

## Taking a look at your responsibility

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### Introduction

1. Text Romans 14:7-12
2. This chapter is talking about our responsibility to others.
3. One's concept of his responsibility has a direct bearing on his conduct!
4. If you are not responsible for your actions, who is?
  - a. Everything we do is done as a personal responsibility.
  - b. Our acts and thoughts really are our own – not someone else. Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 15:18-20
  - c. I am responsible for my own actions and I must stand before God to give an account for those actions. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10, 12
5. Am I going to accept my responsibilities?

### II Discussion

1. If I have decided to become a Christian do I accept the responsibility to be a Christian?
  - a. I have escaped the corruption that is in the world! 2 Peter 1:4; 2:20
  - b. I will be a light to my community. Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Timothy 3:7
  - c. I will grow. 1 Peter 2:2 Hebrews 5:12-14; 2 Peter 3:18
  - d. If one joins the military he is not expected to stay at the same rank the whole time he is in the military. 2 Timothy 2:3-4
  - e. The church needs elders, deacons, preachers, and Bible class teachers, personal teachers.
  - f. Moses tried to give an excuse. Exodus 4:10; Acts 7:22
2. As a Husband/ Wife Ephesians 5:31; Matthew 19:5-6; Genesis 2:24
  - a. The Husband is to love his wife. Ephesians 5:25,
  - b. He is to be head of the house, Ephesians 5:23, 31
  - c. There are some responsibilities involved if you are going to be a husband then accepts the responsibilities.
  - d. Don't be like Adam, who blamed his wife for the trouble he was in. Genesis 3:12
  - e. The wife is to reverence her husband Ephesians 5:33
  - f. The wife is to have the correct demeanor. 1 Peter 3:1-7
3. As a Father/ Mother
  - a. A man needs to be a husband before he is a father.
  - b. A woman needs to be a wife before she is a mother.
  - c. A father's responsibility to his children Ephesians 6:4
    - i. To many men today are fathering children and have no responsibilities attached with it.
    - ii. They ought to be held accountable!
  - d. A mother's responsibility to her children Titus 2:4; 1 Timothy 5:9-14

### III Conclusion

1. When we work we will bear fruit. John 15:1-6
2. Those who shirk duty and do not work lose blessings James 1:25

3. We will be rewarded for how we used our talents not how many we had. Matthew 25:14-30
4. Will you accept the responsibility for being a Christian and obtain your blessing?
5. If you have become a Christian and have shirked your responsibilities then pick them up again so that you will receive your blessing.

Sources: Great Sermons of Past needed today Lectureship at Christiansburg VA Mac Deaver; Boles outline #137; Gus Nichols' Sermon outlines