

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

Building My Life on Values That Last
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Three Foes of Personal Responsibility

- The 'rights' mentality: "I demand my rights."
- The 'victim' mentality: "It's not my fault."
- The 'entitlement' mentality: "I deserve it."

"Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do." Ephesians 5:15 (PHILLIPS)

1. WHY LIVE RESPONSIBLY?

- **BECAUSE** _____ **MY LIFE**
"Nothing in all the world can be hidden from God. Everything is clear and lies 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)
- **BECAUSE** _____ **BY MY LIFE**
"People should be concerned about others and not just about themselves."
1 Corinthians 10:24 (GW)
- **BECAUSE** _____
"You will experience all God's blessings if you obey the Lord."
Deuteronomy 28:2 (NCV)
"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given."
Matthew 25:29 (NLT)

2. HOW CAN I BE A MORE RESPONSIBLE PERSON?

1. **BY** _____
"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)
"A fool thinks only about having a good time." Ecclesiastes 7:4 (NLT)
2. **BY** _____
"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 have said."
Matthew 12:36 (NCV)

"Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good."
Romans 12:21 (NLT)

3. **BY** _____
"A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash."
Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

4. **BY** _____
"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 (TLB)

"Don't point your finger at someone else and try to pass the blame!"
Hosea 4:4 (NLT)

"All fall short . . . yet now God declared us 'not guilty' of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins."
Romans 3:23-24 (TLB)

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