

MESSAGE 2: ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

Parts 1-3

3 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 with a sense of responsibility,
not as those who don't know the meaning of life,
but as those who do." Eph. 5:15 (Ph)*

I. WHY LIVE RESPONSIBLY?

* BECAUSE _____ MY LIFE.

"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." Heb. 4:13 (NCV)

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

* BECAUSE _____ BY MY LIFE.

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

II. 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." Pr. 21:20 (LB)

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

2. BY _____

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

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

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

3. BY _____

"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash." Pr. 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." Pr. 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." Rom. 3:23-24 (LB)