

How to Become a More Responsible Person

I. Introduction

II. Three Enemies of Becoming Responsible

- A. The "I have my _____" mentality
- B. The "_____ " mentality
- C. The "_____ " mentality
 - 1. Ephesians 5:15 (NLT) *So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.*

III. Why Should I Live a Responsible Life?

- A. Because God is _____ me and will one day _____ my life!
 - 1. Hebrews 4:13 (NAS) *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*
 - a. Life is a test of _____!
 - b. My _____ is the only thing I will take into _____ with me!
 - c. "What did you _____ with what I _____ you?"
 - 2. Romans 14:12 (NAS) *So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.*
- B. Because God _____ me when I live responsibly!
 - 1. Matthew 25:23 (NAS) *"Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."*

IV. How Can I Become a More Responsible Person?

- A. By controlling my _____
 - 1. Proverbs 29:11 (NAS) *A fool always loses his temper, but a wise man holds it back.*
 - 2. Matthew 12:36 (NLT) *"And I tell you this, that you must give an account on judgment day of every idle word you speak."*
 - 3. Proverbs 29:20 (NLT) *There is more hope for a fool than for someone who speaks without thinking.*

- B. By _____ my _____
 - 1. You are not responsible for every _____ that passes through your mind!
 - 2. II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NAS) *³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.*
 - 3. What you think about, you eventually _____ and what you feel, you eventually _____!
 - 4. Proverbs 15:14 (NLT) *A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash.*
- C. By _____ my _____
 - 1. Proverbs 28:13 (NAS) *He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.*
 - 2. "I was _____. Will you please _____ me?"
 - 3. Romans 3:23-24 (NLT) *²³For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.*

V. Conclusion