**BEING RESPONSIBLE IN AN IRRESPONSIBLE WORLD**
**Sermon Series: Building Godly Values That Last**
**Sermon Outline**
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### <u>When We Do Not Want To Accept Responsibility, We Do Two Things</u>:

1. **We want to _____ other people.**

2. **We want to _____ ourselves.**

### <u>Another Way to Look At Individualism, Secularism, and Relativism Today</u>

1. **Individualism can be called the "_____" mentality.**

2. **Secularism can be called the "_____" mentality.**

    • Any time you blame, you have chosen to \_\_\_ - _____.

3. **Relativism can be called the "_____" mentality.**

    † *Ephesians 5:15, "Live life with a sense of responsibility, not as those who don't know the meaning of life, but as those who do" (PHL).*

    • The key to living a more responsible life is to figure out: What did God put me on this earth _____?

### <u>Why Should I Live A Responsible Life</u>?

1. **Because _____ my life.**

    † *Hebrews 4:13, "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" (NCV).*

    • Life is a _____.

### <u>God Put You On This Earth For 3 Primary Reasons</u>

a. To get to _____ through His Son Jesus Christ for the rest of your life.

b. To develop your _____ so that you become more like God and develop the values you need to live responsibly.

c. To _____ for my life so that people come to salvation in Christ because of me.

    † *Hebrews 4:13b, ". . . and to Him we must explain the way we have lived" (NCV).*
    † *Hebrews 4:13a, "God knows everything, nothing is hidden" (PAR).*

2. **Because _____ by my life.**
    † *1 Corinthians 10:24, "People should be concerned about others and not just about themselves" (GWT).*
    † *1 Corinthians 10:24, "Don't think only of yourself. Try to think of the other fellow, too, and what is best for him."*

3. **Because _____ it.**

    † *Deuteronomy 28:2, "You will experience all of God's blessings if you obey the Lord" (NLT).*

† *Luke 16:10*, , *"Whoever is faithfully responsible in little things, will be given greater responsibilities" (PAR)."*

- God has another word for "irresponsible" people. He calls them a "_____." _____ times this word is used in the book of Proverbs. And in the book of Ecclesiastes this same word is used _____ times. Your homework this week is to go find the other 65 and write them down.

## How Can I Be More Responsible?

**1. Save _____.**

† *Proverbs 21:20*, *"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets" (TLB).*
† *Ecclesiastes 7:4b*, *"The fool thinks only about having a good time now" (NLT).*
† *Luke 12:48*, *"Much is required from those to whom much is given, for their responsibility is greater" (TLB)."*

- I rate myself a: _____.

**2. By _____.**

† *Proverbs 29:11*, *"A fool expresses all his emotions, but a wise person controls them" (GWT).*
† *Matthew 12:36*, *"People will be responsible for every careless word they've said" (NCV).*

- To be responsible, I need to put my _____ before I put my _____.

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

- I rate myself a: _____.

**3. By _____.**

† *Proverbs 23:7*, *"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (PAR).*

- When Satan gives you a thought, that's called _____. When God puts a thought in your mind, that's called _____.

### Three Things You Can Fill Your Mind With

(a) _____, which always builds you up.
(b) _____ (ex. pornography, trashy TV and novels,)
(c) _____ — it's neither good nor bad (ex., trivia).

† *Proverbs 15:14*, *"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash" (NLT).*

- I rate myself a: _____.

**4. By _____.**

† *Proverbs 28:13*, *"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance" (TLB).*
† *Hosea 4:4,* *"Don't point your finger at somebody else and try to pass the blame" (NLT).*
† *Ecclesiastes 7:20*, *"There's never been a person who lived on this earth who always did what was good and never did what was wrong" (PAR).*
† *Romans 3:23-24*, *"Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; [24]yet now God declares us "not guilty" of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins" (TLB).*

- I rate myself a: _____.