

Character Trait December 17-20 is Responsibility

Proverbs 11:3, “The integrity of the upright guides them”

CHARACTER: the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

Responsibility: Knowing and doing what is expected of me.

Weekly Verse: Galatians 6:5 “For we are each responsible for our own conduct.” (NLT)

Bible Story: Daniel 6:1-24 is the well-known story of Daniel in the lion’s den. A key concept in this story is that those who were trying to harm Daniel could find nothing wrong with his personal life and conduct.

Quote: “Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility.”

Responsible Leaders:

- Earn their position
- Leave the organization in better shape than they found it
- Set a positive example
- Maintain ethics and integrity
- Commit to the organization’s mission
- Learn from mistakes
- Cope well with problems
- Ask tough questions
- Consider stakeholders in decision making
- Prove their worth

Application:

Take responsibility for our own actions. Recognize when we are at fault, own up to our mistakes, and don’t try to pass the blame onto someone else.

Take responsibility for a task that someone has assigned us. Honor other’s trust in you by doing the task to the best of your ability.

Take responsibility for someone or something else. This might be in caring for another person or a pet. We can make sure they are properly cared for by being reliable and responsible and focusing our attention on their needs.

Discussion Questions:

How does God demonstrate responsibility?

How does God expect us to be responsible in our relationship with Him?

What is the difference between being responsible and being trustworthy?