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Bible Study
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Subject: Our Christian Responsibility

Christian Responsibility can be defined as behaving in a way that glorifies and pleases God.

I. What is the foundation of a Responsible Christian Life?

A responsible Christian life begins with three key Christian Principals:

Key principal #1.

We must believe through faith that God IS; believe that God is in control of the world and believe that God is in control of our lives.

Hebrews 11:5 – 6.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "*and was not found, because God had taken him*"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Key principal #2.

We must accept Jesus Christ as our Personal Lord and Savior.

John 10:7 – 10.

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸ All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Key principal #3.

We must live a life guided by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9 – 12.

⁹ But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

II. What are Some of Our Basic Christian Responsibilities Given in God's Word?

A. It pleases God when we Love Him and other people.

Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)

²⁹ Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments *is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

³⁰ *And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'* This is the first commandment.

³¹ *And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* There is no other commandment greater than these."

B. It pleases God when we are Obedient to His Word.

Romans 1:5-6

⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

1 Peter 1:13-15

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance;

¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,

C. It pleases God when we Share what we have with other people.

Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

D. It pleases God when we Study His Word and apply it to our lives.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

E. It pleases God when we Minister His Word to other people.

Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

F. It pleases God when we communicate with Him in Prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always,

¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

III. How Can We Become Better at Being A Responsible Christian?

A. We must read self-first.

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" for we are members of one another.

²⁶ "*Be angry, and do not sin*": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

B. We must not judge.

Romans 14: 13.

¹³ Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

C. Our actions toward one another must be based in love.

John 13:34-35.

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Romans 12:9 – 13.

⁹ *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

¹⁰ *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Romans 15:1 – 2.

¹ We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

² Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification.

D. We must live a disciplined life.

1 Corinthians 9:24 – 27.

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*.

²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*.

²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.

²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

E. We must live a life that is acceptable to God.

Romans 12:1 – 2.

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.