

DAILY READING: ACCOUNTABILITY

I invest my life responsibly and effectively for God's Kingdom. When someone has been given or entrusted with much, much is required of them in return. Therefore I will work diligently to use my gifts and talents for His Kingdom and obey His commands until the day He returns. As I invest my life in His Kingdom through my work, opportunities and responsibilities will increase. I will multiply all He has given me by yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit at work within me and allow Him to use me.

I invest my life responsibly and effectively for God's Kingdom. I will use my gifts and talents to guide, influence and care for others. I will live by example the high standard God expects from me morally, spiritually, mentally and physically. I will stay close to the Lord so He can guide me and empower me to do so. I cannot do this by my own power; I fall short. I will live every day in diligent obedience to His commands and use my gifts and talents for His Kingdom.

Jesus did not seek safe solutions when it came to obeying the will of His Father; He was willing to forsake everything to be my Lord. As I follow and serve Him, I will not squander opportunities He brings my way. My responsibilities affect other people's eternity. I will not be satisfied with the status quo. God has given me gifts and talents to benefit His kingdom and I accept the responsibility. I invest my life responsibly and effectively for God's Kingdom.

To put off obedience is disobedience. Unused resources and opportunities disappear. Faith is a muscle and without exercise it wastes away. Undeveloped relationships and ideas fall by the wayside. Consequently I will develop the gifts, talents and skills He has given me so I can more effectively point others toward Him and make the most of every opportunity. I choose to be active in my faith today. Faith makes maximum use of resources, thus I will be active in my faith today. And faith will cause me to operate freely without worry and self-centeredness by enthusiastically pursuing God's will for my life. I invest my life responsibly and effectively for God's Kingdom.

ACTIVITY:

List two or three friends with whom you can share your struggles. If you do not have anyone, begin seeking out friends who are spiritually mature and who can help you remain faithful getting to the next level.

DAILY STUDY: ACCOUNTABILITY

DAY 1: Given Great Responsibility - Matthew 25:14-29 (Page 756); Luke 16:1-12 (Page 798); Psalm 10:13 (Page 418)

DAY 2: Held Accountable - John 1:8-9 (Page 809); Romans 2 (Page 858); Ezekiel 33:6 (Page 652)

DAY 3: Diligently Seek After God - Matthew 13:1-23 (Page 744); Mark 4:25 (Page 764); 2 John 8 (Page 945)

DAY 4: Be Wise - Matthew 7:24-27 (Page 738); 1 Thessalonians 5:2-11 (Page 906); Proverbs 20:6 (Page 495)

DAY 5: Keep Watch - Matthew 24 (Page 754); Proverbs 27:17 (Page 501)

DAY 6: Spiritual Gifts -
1 Peter 4:10-11 (Page 936);
Romans 12:4-8 (Page 866);
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Page 877);
Ephesians 4:11-13 (Page 897)

DAY 7: Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 3:23-24
"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins."
Romans 3:23-24

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?