

RESPONSIBILITY AND GRACE

Responsibility is a matter of the heart.

We need the help of Holy Spirit with any matter of the heart.

We each fall into one of two conditions, we are either responsible or we are in rebellion.

Someone who acts responsibly is allowing God to be in control.

Someone who is in rebellion is taking control for themselves.

Jesus acted responsibly in His relationship with his Father.

Jesus was committed to obeying his Father joyfully even when going to the cross.

Are your commitments a joy or a burden?

We need the Holy Spirit to help us find joy in our commitments.

We also need the Holy Spirit to reveal if any of our commitments are not from him.

We can focus too much on arriving at our destination instead of focusing on the journey.

Jesus commanded us to follow him, that's a journey.

We will never “arrive” as long as we are on this earth.

Our whole time on this planet are about the journey, not arriving.

Get rid of anything that gets in the way of following him.

If you ever feel like you have “arrived,” then you feel like your work is done, you can relax.

That's a dangerous place to be in spiritually.

As your responsibilities increase, your rights decrease.

Sometimes as you grow in your commitment and responsibility, you have to surrender your rights.

Servants push for no options and assume no rights.

We are not to compare ourselves to others.

Who are you comparing yourself to?

We should have the attitude of grace.

Giving grace to someone else costs you something.

If you only give grace to those who deserve it, then it's not really grace.

Grace by definition is undeserved.

When we give grace that is undeserved, then we can begin to understand what grace is.

We need to receive grace before we can give grace.

We need a strong revelation of grace in order to follow Jesus and serve other people.

The entire kingdom of God is built on grace.

Jesus taught his disciples about wrong attitudes:

1. The attitude of comparison.
2. The attitude of presumption (about what we deserve).
3. The attitude of distortion.

Points:

1. Be committed to following Jesus.
2. Jesus was committed to service not status.
3. Jesus was committed to grace and so should we.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Matthew 20:17-19

Hebrews 12:2

Galatians 6:9

Matthew 19:16-22

Exodus 20:3

Matthew 20:20-28

Matthew 20:1-16

Ephesians 2:8-9

1 Corinthians 15:10