

RESPONSIBILITY

Showing you can be trusted
with what's expected of YOU.



WEEK FOUR

READ LUKE 16:10

DAY 1

When you take care of the things you've been given, it shows your parents that you are trustworthy. You show you can be trusted with more by taking care of what you have.

Take a quick walk around your room or your house and look at all of things that are yours. If you only had ten minutes before you had to get out of your house, what five things would you grab before running out the door? Make a list of them below.

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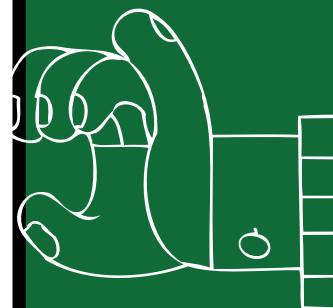
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We have things that are important to us, but they're just things. When we take good care of those things though, it builds a relationship of trust with whoever is in charge of us. They might see how we take care of what we have and trust us with more!

THANK God for what you have and ask Him to help you be responsible with it.



READ 2 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13

DAY 2

Sometimes it might seem WAY more fun to do whatever you want, whenever you want, regardless of what anyone else thinks. But that can be irresponsible. And when you choose irresponsibility, there's a consequence. Blow off studying for that test? The chances are much higher that you'll fail it. Decide you don't really need to clean your room? Then you'll probably be late for your soccer game when you can't find your cleats or shin guards.

Write down something you faced this week where you had to make the wise choice. What did you do? What were the consequences of your actions?

ASK God to help you as you choose to do the right thing this week.

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READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

DAY 3

Have you ever been to a farm or seen fields covered for miles and miles with corn, wheat, or cotton? In order for all of that to grow, a farmer planted a LOT of seed, carefully tended the land, sprayed for bugs, watered generously, and managed the soil. A TON of work went into making sure his harvest would produce a plentiful crop.

Now you might live in a city and never be a farmer, but you ARE actually sowing seed in your own life right now. Every time you make the wise choice to be responsible, you're showing those in charge of you that you can handle even MORE responsibility. And that is really awesome.

Grab some blocks or a Jenga game if you have it and some paper. Tear the paper into small strips and write down some examples of small responsibilities you have now (like taking out the trash, cleaning your room etc) on each one. Tape those strips on the blocks—one responsibility per block. Now write down some BIG responsibilities you hope to have later on (staying home by yourself, driving a car, etc.) and tape them to the remaining blocks. Starting with the small responsibilities you have now, build a tower of blocks. Make sure to save the "bigger" responsibilities for the top.

LOOK at all the things you can do right now so you can be trusted with bigger things later.

READ MATTHEW 5:13

DAY 4

Go the kitchen and grab a salt shaker. Shake it one time in your hand and taste a couple of grains. It's salt, so it tastes ... salty, right?

Tasting salty is salt's job. And it also serves other purposes, like keeping food from rotting. Long before there were refrigerators or electricity, people used salt to keep their meat from going bad. But if salt didn't do its job—let's say you sprinkled it on your French fries or popcorn and it didn't taste at all for some reason—you probably would want to throw it away, right? It goes for other things too: if you have a pen that won't write, you toss it. If you have a soccer ball that won't hold air, in the trash it goes!

We have a hard time trusting things that don't do what they're supposed to do. Thankfully God isn't going to throw us away if we're not responsible, but He has given us talents and abilities that He can use in the world around us. It's worth our effort to be responsible and shine God's light!

ASK God to help you stay salty and responsible!