

*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. **Matthew 5:16***

## **Store In My Heart** **Matthew 6:33**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Considered within the context of the Sermon on the Mount, which gives instruction to help us be citizens of the Kingdom of God, Jesus reminds us of what must be most important to those who desire to be with God. With this statement, He also gives promise of God's watch and care over His children. His mercy and care provide for us the means of redemption from our sin.

The intent is to help us keep our focus on what is most important. Rather than being distracted by the things of this world, we can focus on the work God has given us. God will see that we have what is needed to do the work, if we will just set our minds to be busy for Him. Am I willing to turn everything over to God and focus solely on what He expects of me?



# Responsibility

**Dan Henderson**

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. **Romans 12:3-5***

It has been said "ability plus opportunity equals responsibility." Surely each of us can recognize that everyone in a congregation has responsibilities. The big question is, are we fulfilling those responsibilities?

Elders are to lead the congregation, overseeing its work and worship. Guiding and directing so that all are built up in the faith, growing and developing into more mature Christians as the years go by. This responsibility is of such importance that God left specific character traits and requirements to use in appointing these men to their work.

Deacons are to serve the church, following the direction of elders while caring for the needs of the local assembly of Christians. While this may be a lesser responsibility than that laid upon elders, these men must also demonstrate certain characteristics and attitudes required by God for their appointment.

Preachers are given the responsibility to preach the word, presenting to each member and the congregation as a whole, that which will help them grow and become stronger Christians. A desire to help the lost to find their way to Jesus is

essential if such men are to do the work set before them. Paul left, as his final writings, letters to evangelist that stress the focus, faith and character that must shine in the life of ministers of the Gospel. He stressed the need for living a life that shines as a bright example of one who is dedicated to God's Word.

Each member has a responsibility to help their brethren to increase and grow, while growing themselves. Coming together as children of God should be a priority as it provides the opportunity to encourage and strengthen each member of the local body of Christ. Men are to take the lead in directing the worship and classes. Women are to teach the younger women, by word and example. Helping those who stray from the Truth is also part of the work each of us have been given by Jesus.

Every member of a congregation has the responsibility to visit and comfort the sick and needy. Every individual Christian has the responsibility of seeking out those who have erred from the Truth and helping them correct their error that they might be saved. All Christians also are responsible for seeking the lost of this world. Each one of us must recognize and use the opportunities given to us to the best of our ability. To shirk them is to turn from the work God has given to those who enjoy the benefit of salvation. We will be held accountable for our deeds, both good and bad. **2Corinthians 5:10**

Consider the abilities God has given to you. Consider the opportunities that are presented to you every day. Such consideration should lead you to understand your responsibilities as a Christian and a member of a local congregation of God's People. Now ask yourself, "Am I fulfilling my responsibilities to God and my brethren?" "What can I do to better use the abilities God has given me in taking advantage of the many opportunities that I see each day?" Carefully consider these thoughts and fulfill your obligations to God and your brethren. Prepare diligently for eternity.

## **Study Carefully, Work Diligently, Pray Fervently!**

### **Contact Us**

We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

### **For Our Information**

**JoBeth Henderson** is waiting to hear from the radiologist when her treatments will start. She will have three weeks of treatment. Her immunotherapy will pause for radiation.

**Paula Laubach** finished with physical therapy on her knee.

**Tommy Robinson** is in Pines nursing home in Hot Springs.

**Karlee Gray** leaves for college the end of this week.

Sunday @ 5 - **Jeremiah 4:19** Wednesday @ 7 - **Luke 2:21**

**Gospel Meeting - Michael Green - September 27-October 1**

**Announcement flyers are in the foyer**