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# Dirty Words of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Part 4 - Responsibility

*Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men-- robbers, evildoers, adulterers-- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:10-15)*

## Three Mentalities Prevalent Today:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mentality (I have my rights!)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mentality (None of my problems are my fault)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mentality (The world owes me a living)

*Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Ephesians 5:15-17)*

## WHY SHOULD I LIVE RESPONSIBLY?

1. **BECAUSE GOD IS** \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:14)
2. **BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **BY MY LIFE** (1 Cor. 10:24)
3. **BECAUSE GOD** \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 1:1)

## How Do I Become a More Responsible Person?

1. **By Knowing** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **By Controlling** \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:21)
3. **By Guarding** \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 15:14)