

# Responsible For Our Actions

## Introduction

### Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

1. Incidents happen in our country every day that causes us to wonder why and how people can be so cruel and irresponsible for their actions.
  - A. Last month a man kid-napped and murdered a young female college student in Georgia.
  - B. Three weeks ago, a man assaulted and killed his 13 year old step-daughter and then dumped her body in the woods.
2. These events and countless others are tragic and no matter what happened to the individuals that carried out these crimes in their past, it does not excuse their irresponsible action.
3. Every person should strive to live by what Christ taught in Matt 7:12:

Matthew 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

- 4. Anyone, even if a member of the church does something or says something that is wrong and sinful, no matter how they may try to justify their behavior, it is still a sin.**
  - A. Sin affects not only the person doing it or saying it, but it often has an adverse affect upon the entire congregation.**
- 5. Every one of us are responsible for our actions. We cannot place the blame for what we say or the things we do on someone else.**
  - A. In addition, we are not able to read minds. To speculate whether an individual really meant what they did or said is not in our ability to really know.**

1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knows the things of a man **except the spirit of the man which is in him**? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God

- 1) Therefore, when one says or does something that is sinful, we must take what they say or do at face value and not begin making excuses for their actions.**
- 6. Every individual must be held accountable for their actions.**
  - A. When one commits any sin, then one must ask forgiveness for that sin before they can be placed back in the proper fellowship with God and their brethren.**

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## A Christian Should Be

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### Of the Same Mind

1. **A true Christian is one who will strive diligently to be of the same mind as Christ and toward one another.**

Romans 12:16 Be of the **same mind toward one another**. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you **be perfectly joined together in the same mind** and in the same judgment.

Philippians 3:16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be **of the same mind**.

1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with **the same mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2. **Christians are sensitive to the needs of others; striving to look out for the interest of others.**

**Philippians 2:1-5**

## Loving and Kind

### 1. Jesus commands us to have a genuine love for one another.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

### 2. The apostle Paul shows us very clearly how important love is.

Romans 13:10 **Love does no harm to a neighbor;** therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore **be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

Ephesians 4:32 And **be kind to one another,** tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

## Conclusion

### 1. A good name is precious

Proverbs 22:1 **A good name is to be chosen** rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Ecclesiastes 7:1 **A good name is better than precious ointment....**

- A. Often times people choose to sin and destroy their good name. Nobody can take your good name — that is something we give up voluntarily. Once lost, we cannot regain it overnight. It must be earned, not bought.**

2. **We should not be “situational” Christians! (The situation determines whether we act like a Christian or not.)**
3. **Every Christian should be able to clearly see how we are to act in accordance with the teaching of His inspired Word toward one another!**
  - A. **As a result, we should then be moved to ensure that we are acting in accordance to His teaching.**
4. **We will be judged based upon what we say and do and our obedience to the words of Christ**  
**2 Corinthians 5:10**

John 12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — **the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**

5. **Remember, the things we say and do will and does affect the lives of others — directly or indirectly.**
6. **I want to encourage us to have the mind set of David:**

Psalms 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; **Try my mind and my heart.**

7. **May God continue to be with each one of us as we diligently strive to do only that which is right and approved of in His sight.**

