 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE (PART 4) STUDY 10**

**Text**: John 9:1-7.

**Memory Verse***: Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

 Today, we shall conclude the study on being personally responsible for your own life. The key issue is for you to understand that your life is so important that you do not allow anything or anyone to gamble with it. You are so unique that your type has never existed before and neither will there be anyone like you forever. You and your assignments on Earth are so special! Therefore, living to explore your full potentials in line with God's purpose is very important. In God's wisdom, he has given you some seeds with which you can envision, determine and generate the future that you desire in Him! The seeds are:

*i. Your time (your life).*

*ii. Your mind: (for imagination, vision and decision).*

*iii. Your efforts (energy).*

 In conjunction with these are: God's grace, providence and natural principles, which are set to enable, justify and reward your actions and inactions! It is important to know that though you cannot determine what others will choose to do, yet you are provided with capacity to choose your response to life. God has also endowed you with grace and ability to influence your world positively for good, if you choose to!

**IMPORTANT AREAS TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN LIFE: JOHN 9:1-7.**

 Our Lord Jesus, in the scripture above provides us a good example of how to take personal responsibility!

The disciples’ concern is "Who is to blame for the man's blindness"? Jesus’ response are: compassion, seeing opportunity to do good and restoration of the man's sight!

 As a child of God, this must be your attitude as well.

**1. Learn to be a problem solver.** Those who solve problems are called heroes in the world. It is very easy to complain, find fault, pass the buck and make excuses as personal defense. But with this attitude, you won’t become relevant as such, and the problem will remain unsolved.

**2. Take responsibility for your spiritual growth and services in the following areas**:

*i. Abide in Christ, holiness, love and obedience.*

*ii. Pray without ceasing. Your quiet time is solid foundation for your growth.*

*iii. Study scripture, Christian literatures, magazines and other resources to enhance your growth effectively.*

*iv. Take personal interest in winning souls! This is every believer core responsibility. The gains are enormous! Angels rejoice over you, Church will grow numerically, you will have spiritual children to disciple.*

**3. Take personal responsibility over your life important decisions:**

*i. Your career and earning life.*

*ii. Your marital life: Although you may seek helpful counsel, it must be your personal decision with God. Psalm 32:8.*

*iii. Where to live and work.*

**4. Take personal responsibility over your family life: After Christ, your family is next. Therefore, see to your:**

*i. Family leadership and welfare*

*ii. Child training. etc.*

**5. Take personal responsibility on your visions, goals and attainment in life**. Jephthah was written off by his kinsmen, He aimed at greatness and attained it! He was eventually sought out for by those who saw nothing good in him. Judges 11:1-10. Believe, and strive to be who God says you are.

**6. Take personal responsibility for your mistakes, faults and failures.** Don’t repeat past mistakes. Nahum 1 : 9

Self-defense and excuses won’t truthfully excuse you! They only portray you as a pretender. When you accept your faults and mistakes, it empowers you to learn to do better. Jacob realised that he did wrong to his brother Esau, rather than pretending or justifying himself, he sought genuine forgiveness and reconciliation. God saw his sincerity and intervened on his behalf. You too can take step to correct your past mistakes to pave way for a glorious future.

**7. Take personal responsibility to make heaven in the end!**

It is when you get to heaven that you will know who takes the word of God seriously. Your first priority must be to make it. Therefore:

*i. Choose always to look unto Jesus for directives, grace and help. Hebrew 12:2.*

*ii. Be faithful and true in all matters of Christian living and services.*

 Also, know that God is the source of your life. He gave you this opportunity to exist, to live and enjoy whatever privilege you have on earth. One day, he will read your report sheet to you! Always remember that you are personally answerable to God in this life and hereafter. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Lastly, Character is the first thing as Christian! Your reputation can be damaged by rivals but no one can rubbish your character as it is something personal. Christ was called all sorts of names: Blasphemer, false prophet etc. Yet, Satan, Pilate and Herod found Him spotless! Keep worthy of character by being true to your faith and profession in Christ always, whether private or public. May God help you. Amen.

 **HYMH: CLOSE TO THEE (CHS86)**

1. Thou, my everlasting portion,

More than friend or life to me;

All along my pilgri3m journey,

Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

 *Close to Thee, (4 times)*

 *All along my pilgrim journey*

 *Saviour, let me walk with Thee.*

2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure,

Not for fame my prayer shall be;

Gladly will I toil and suffer,

Only let me walk with Thee.

 *Close to Thee, (4 times)*

 *Gladly will I toil and suffer,*

 *Only let me walk with Thee.*

3. Lead me through the vale of shadows,

Bear me o’er life’s fitful sea;

Then the gate of life eternal

May I enter, Lord, with Thee.

 *Close to Thee, (4 times)*

 *Then the gate of life eternal*

*May I enter; Lord, with Thee.*