

Responsibility

Character... It starts with me!

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Vs. Unreliability

I WILL:

- Keep my promises
- Not make excuses
- Do all my work to the best of my ability
- Make things right when I do wrong
- Know my duty and do my duty

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Knowing and doing what God and others are expecting of me.

As believers, we know that our duty boils down to loving one another. This is our responsibility to the members of the many communities to which we belong: loving our family members, loving our friends and neighbors in our community, loving our fellow church members and those in other churches, as well.

It extends to loving those with whom we do business whether it is part of our job or part of our everyday transactions at the grocery or gas station. We have a responsibility to bring our faith into everything we do. That's quite a responsibility!

On Judgment Day, we will be held responsible for all we

have thought, said, and done, and our attitudes and motives that surrounded them. All of these will be evaluated based on how well we lived up to the responsibility of loving those around us.

This month show loving responsibility and treat your tasks and relationships with care.



“For the person of faith, practicing good character is a matter of loving God, self, and others.”

John Pierce, founding member of the Character Council



For the Family

We are studying the character quality of **Responsibility**: Knowing and doing what God and others are expecting of me.

To practice Responsibility I will:

- Keep my promises
- Not make excuses
- Do all my work to the best of my ability
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“For each will have to bear his own load.”

Galatians 6:5

Family Activity:

The Blame Game



Teach your children the finger symbols for winners and losers. For Losers, place your fingers in the shape of an L and place it on your forehead. For winner, use 3 fingers to resemble a W. Next, talk about how winners will take the blame when they have done something wrong and then try to learn from the mistake. Losers will blame someone else and invariably make the same mistake over and over. When you catch somebody shifting blame to someone else or a circumstance, make the Loser sign. Anyone in the family can catch anyone else. Same goes for when someone takes the blame or the responsibility for an action, cheer them with the winner sign.

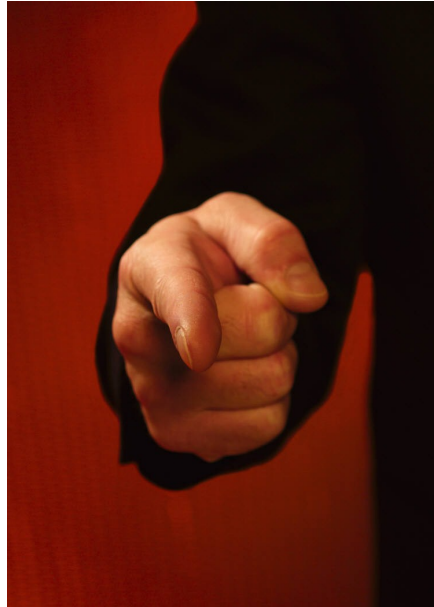


Other ways to teach character in the home:

- Display the character quality and definition in a prominent place such as on the refrigerator or let each child decorate it for their bedroom door.
- At the dinner table ask if anyone noticed anyone (not just family members) demonstrating the character quality (or not demonstrating it).
- Point out news stories where character was or was not involved.
- Review the “I wills” and see if there are specific actions you can add to this list.
- During car trips, challenge the kids by describing scenarios and having them identify if it describes being the quality or being the opposite.
- Praise with character by recognizing the character quality involved rather than the achievement.
- For more ideas visit www.charactercincinnati.org/faith.php

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**“Those who conceal their sins do not prosper,
but those who confess and forsake them obtain
mercy.”**

Proverbs 26:13

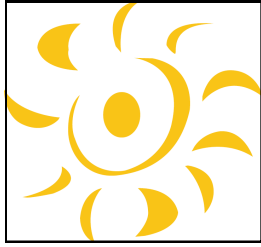
**Who do you blame
when there is a problem?**

Prayer for Responsibility

Dear Jesus,

We praise you for your goodness and mercy and thank you for the example of responsibility in your life. We remember how you took responsibility for the poor and helpless in your community. Help us to embrace our roles as your servants here on Earth and be all that we can be. Remind us to keep our promises and to do all of our tasks to the best of our ability. May we learn to not make excuses and to make things right when we do wrong. Teach us to know our duties and to do them joyfully. Help us to act in all things in harmony with the will of the Father.

Amen.



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Under the Education section of our webpage www.charactercincinnati.org/quality_resource.php?q=Responsibility are resources designed for use in public schools. Please reference the resources there for use in your faith-based setting. Combine religious stories or quotes from religious literature with an activity to teach a spiritual view of the character quality.

More resources can be found at www.charactercincinnati.org/faith.php

We would Love to hear from YOU!

Let us know what you think. What adjustments or additions did you make so that the activity was appropriate for your group? What other activities or stories did you use to teach this month's quality? Send your questions or comments to jtomey@charactercincinnati.org and you just may be featured in a future edition.