

## ***Responsible for Your Actions***

*Responsible for your actions simply refers to accountability of individual dealings. What does accountability mean? Accountability denotes responsibility. Who receives the credit and or blame? Who is assigned liability, whose job is it, whose duty, whose obligation, recognition for one's actions? The Bible depicts many personages who at times circumvented their responsibility in an attempt to save face. Yet upon examining their actions, it's quite evident they are the ones accountable for their individual dealings:*

- *Was the snake the reason for Eve's transgression or was she responsible for her own actions?*
- *Did Eve make Adam take of the forbidden fruit or was Adam also accountable for himself?*
- *Did Noah make the people around him evil or was it their liability in sinning that caused the flood?*
- *Is Lot responsible for his wife becoming a salty pillar or was it her own un-relinquished lust for the city life and what it held, being unwilling to walk away, yielding the craving to look back?*
- *Was David the reason that Bathsheba sinned or was she liable for her own actions in participating? Nothing is written that she was raped, as she failed to cry out. No, she partook of the forbidden willingly. Dt 22:22~29*
- *Was David the reason of King Saul's hatred or was Saul venting his own disappointments of self?*
- *Was Delilah the reason Samson lost his strength or did Samson leave his first love...Yah?*
- *Were the friends of Job the reason for Job's trouble? Why didn't Job take the advice of his friends, for the message was directly from God given to Job through his friends? Job 4:12~21*

*Where does accountability for one's individual dealings, actions lie? The responsibility lies with self.*

*Job suffered for his own self-righteous reasons. Yah used him as an example while at the same time brought him to a HIGHER LEVEL. Job 32:1~3 To successfully advance upward, climbing the ladder of spiritual growth, one must dump all excess baggage. The friends of Job are being used as are those around us at times, irritating the error laying within self that Yah is revealing. Perchance Job rationalized to himself, "I can't see myself, **the sins of self**...my so called problem, for all I see and hear are my so called friends annoying me. All of you must be the reason that I feel so bad." This conclusion leads to an explosion of emotional feelings often with an irrational ending.*

*We all have a tendency to give our troubles away, blaming them on others instead of looking introspectively. A simple way to examine our feelings, identifying them as if it's **our problem** associated either with "**self**," or an **external source**, as coming from another person or thing is to check its presence? Am I the one carrying the anxiety, having feelings of bitterness, churning with anger and resentment or does another hold me in contempt? Is the anger burning inside me due to my attempt to rationalize my life avoiding the accountability of my own personal dealings?*

*Blame can be shared with all involved, but the accountability of my own personal actions is mine. Things or people produce anxiety for releasing the inner self, the carnality which one holds. Yet un-repentant **selfishness** even when rationalized cannot avoid one's accountability. Just as Job who at times rationalized his position before Yah, we likewise become fully responsible when we succumb to outbursts of emotional immaturity.*

*If the temptation comes from the outside, can one run away from its presence and escape its grasp? Running away is not the message given to us through the word. However, fleeing evil is commanded by the word no matter where it lies! Those that have run away from their responsibilities shortly find their problems soon follow, and if left unaddressed, they once again strangle their lives. Un-repentant sin presents a funny gift to those that hold it; it just keeps on giving no matter where you are.*

*It takes two to tango, so does evil need a partner; someone to accept what it's selling! Evil has many forms, all associated with the transgressions of Yah's law. Whether, gainsaying, lusting, fornication, stealing and the exaltation of self...all have the same need in common: It needs you're participation to make it work.*

James 1:13 ~15 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.** Then when lust hath **conceived**, it bringeth forth **sin**: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth **death.**

*Temptation comes from our own evil desires that lie within self. We are drawn by our **own lust**, our own evil nature that lies within, not someone else's. No, the devil didn't make me do it; he just entices the evil that one carries within hence follows the devil's lead. Thus proving the fact: If I am able to be enticed to sin, then desire or evil cravings were in me all the time, waiting for an opportunity to show them being drawn out.*

*One can't produce something from nothing. A desire must live in one's self, whether it is a seed or a fully mature characteristic, to be drawn out to come forth. I can't play the piano if I don't know how, nor can I sin if it's not a part of my nature. It's virtually impossible to entice a response out of a person that has no desire to participate. We have been given free moral responsibility; thus one must want to participate willingly, through self desire being persuaded from an undue negative force. The same principle follows with sin: though I have sin in me, it's up to me to control it, subdue it, or it will overpower me.*

Matthew 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the **heart**; and they defile the man.

*Note the formation of defilement comes from the heart, from within the inner man. It has a home, living within you, waiting to be drawn out in defending its domain.*

Proverbs 5:22~23 **His own iniquities** shall take the wicked **himself**, and he shall be holden with the cords of **his sins**. He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of **his folly he** shall go astray.

1 Corinthians 3:13~20 **Every man's work shall be made manifest**: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall **try every man's work** of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; **yet so as by fire.** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **If** any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man **DECEIVE HIMSELF**. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their **own craftiness**. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are **vain.**

*Paul, preaching Yah's words, is not a great supporter of self justification. Knowing that you are His temple as He lives within you, one needs to be accountable for one's own personal dealings. Anyone holding His words in contempt will lead to the fires of correction. We only deceive ourselves when justifying our actions through our own craftiness, worldly wisdom, the action of vanity, pride, narcissism, conceit, arrogance, all exemplifying the exaltation of self-importance. Accountability... like cannibalism, involves eating oneself with self deceit.*

Romans 6:1~23 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that **henceforth we should not serve sin**. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:** but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law (the sacrificial system), but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law (the sacrificial system), but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for **as ye have yielded** your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Sometimes the world is moving so fast one wants to get off with an opportunity to reflect. At such moments one might stop but few seldom enjoy true detachment from life but instead continue in a hostile state of mind inhaling fumes of resentment. You don't start revealing what is going on in life until one starts exposing oneself to the mirror of reality. Remember, while in distress, there are few that see it for what it is. It's a trial, and though unpleasant, trials bring us patience, more training, just what is needed at that moment, more training.*

*Shakespeare said life is like a play (or a movie) where each performs one's part. Sometimes one has the lead, other times as a supporting actor, yet all join in producing the play called "My Life." Trials or troubles are not produced by or are the fault with those on the stage with me. Trials stem from the way I play my part dealing with those situations in my life. I have been given a beautiful opportunity to reflect, allowing me to challenge the trial to eventually conquer it at each juncture where I become either the victorious hero or the failed villain.*

*In the mirror of reflection "The Self" often seems least in the play or trial but can rise to become the hero if he or she overcomes their emotions, living the way Yah sees things. There are two realities that are present: Yah's and self's. Yah's reality is the only one that counts in life starring in the millennium play called, "The Plan of Salvation."*

*So about my trials, are they bearable or uncontrollable? Have I been given too much to handle or am I just handling it poorly? Am I responsible for my actions or can I claim insanity... "everyone's against me!" And when others don't buy my **rationalization**...saying I am just too self adsorbed; then what? It is so true, actions truly say a lot about a person's real intent. They reveal the real you!!!!*

Galatians 5: 13~26 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the **lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have **crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

*Did you note the scripture admonishing us: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that we should not obey its lusts for more. Neither we are to yield our members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin." We are not to listen to the voice of temptation; we are to shut it out! This is accomplished by walking in the Spirit, denying the lust of the flesh. For the self, the inner me, myself and I, fights against His Holy Spirit, because our self is contrary to His will resulting in us not doing the things that we should. The battle is raging in our heads, for that's where the fight is, between our ears **for the control of self.***

*One loses to temptation because one is siding with me, myself and I. We don't give ourselves wholly over to the control of the Spirit of Yah. We refuse to give up ownership, thus preventing us becoming the new person. We still crave, want and or lust for something that this world has to offer, whether money, love, honor, the demand of self dominance over situations or people.*

*What did Eve want? And what about Adam, the people of Noah's time, David and Bathsheba, Saul, Lot's wife, Samson and Job, what did they want? They all wanted the carnal desires of this world that coexisted **within them**, the desire to have it **their own way**. Their actions at those times showed themselves as a living **servant of self**, desiring the ability to be their own god, serving their own selfish requests.*

*The flesh, the inner me, lusted against the Spirit of Yah, in precisely the same manner as Satan wanting to be god. The utmost gift of Grace is given to us **IF** we overcome **ourselves** by the power of His Holy Spirit which gives...**life**. The Spirit is of Yah; the flesh was also given to us and we claim ownership. With ownership comes **responsibility**, accountability of individual dealings: our actions or lack thereof, whether the inner or outer self.*

*Running away from responsibility doesn't really help; consequences always catch up with us. At the moment it feels better, but at some point it will return showing its ugly head if not corrected. To alleviate the problem, one must first acknowledge what the problem is and then declare ownership and responsibility for it.*

Genesis 4:3~7 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

*Sin is right here just waiting for you to bite. The lure is shiny, but the cost is not revealed until it's too late. You have just become someone else's meal! We are the one responsible for our desires that lie within. Control it, get rid of it or it will control you.*

*Our calling is not a matter of probability, it is a precious endowment bestowed upon a few selected. It is not something to be handled unconscientiously. Yah opens our hearts to accept His Holy Spirit, but Yah and Yahshua will not stay where they are not appreciated. The calling is a matter of choice; it is an inheritance to be achieved.*

*Before God can deliver us from ourselves, we must undeceive ourselves.*

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