

Stepping Into...

Greater Responsibility

“The price of greatness is
responsibility.”

Winston Churchill

1. God Positions us For Responsibility

Genesis 39:1-4 NLT

¹ When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

² The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. ³ Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. ⁴ This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.

2. Responsibility Growth: Blessing & Trust

Genesis 39:5-6 NLT

⁵ From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, **the Lord began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake**. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. ⁶ So Potiphar gave Joseph **complete administrative responsibility over everything** he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat!

3. Responsibility Tested: Temptation?

Genesis 39:6-9 NLT

⁶ ...Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man,
⁷ and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully.

“Come and sleep with me,” she demanded. ⁸ But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. ⁹ No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”

God Has Taken Responsibility...

Romans 5:6-8 NLT

⁶ When **we were utterly helpless**, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But **God showed his great love for us by sending Christ** to die for us while we were still sinners.

Paul's 'Response' to Responsibility?

Titus 1:1 & 3 NLT

¹ This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.

³ And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Saviour that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

Fathers Have Specific Responsibilities

To Love & Care for their Children: Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...”

To Discipline their Children: Heb.12:8-10 (NIV)

“...we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.”

To Instruct their Children: Eph. 6:4 (NIV)

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

Jesus Carried the Ultimate Responsibility

Romans 3:23-25 NLT

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.