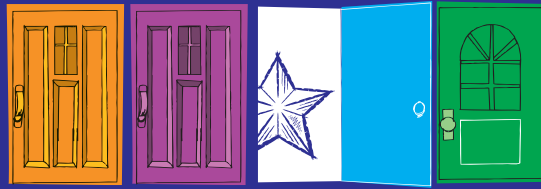


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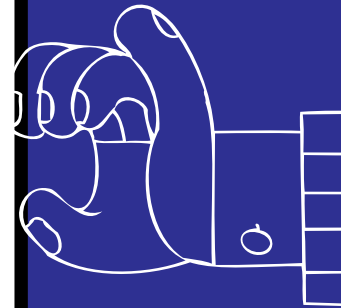
READ MATTHEW 21:28-31A

DAY 1

What's more important? SAYING you'll do something or actually DOING it? Easy question. Everyone knows that actions speak louder than words. That's why it is so important to show you can be trusted by what you do. Not by what you SAY you'll do.

Find an index card (or a Post It® note) and write the word "yes" on it. Starting right now until tomorrow, whenever anyone asks you to do something, only pull out your "yes" card if you intend to do it. Once you've shown your "yes" card, you are committing to follow through with what you've promised to be responsible for. *Only* pull out your "yes" card if you plan to DO something. Challenge yourself and say "yes" to something that might be a little hard for you to finish.

TALK to God about helping you follow through with what you've promised.



READ NEHEMIAH 6:1-4

DAY 2

Nehemiah took on the HUGE project of rebuilding the broken down wall around the city of Jerusalem. It was a big responsibility, and he had some people who didn't want him to finish. Even when it got tough, Nehemiah stuck to his work. He said, *"I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down."* In other words, until the wall was build, he wasn't going to let anything else distract him.

What is something that you need to get done? Is it a project for school? Cleaning your room? Maybe practicing piano for your lesson tomorrow? Whatever that thing is, be like Nehemiah.

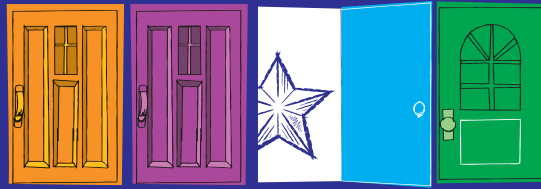
Write the words "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down" on an index card and put it somewhere so that you can see it while you're working. If you find yourself getting distracted, take a look at the phrase again and quickly get back on track.

ASK God to help you stay focused on your responsibilities and to get them done.

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READ GENESIS 39:21-23

DAY 3

Ever had a day where you just didn't feel like being responsible? Yeah, that happens sometimes.

Do you think Joseph ever felt that way? After all, you couldn't really blame him right? I mean, the guy was in prison for something he didn't even do. Rather than getting upset, Joseph decided to have faith and show responsibility. He proved he could be trusted. And because of that, Joseph was given even more responsibility. In fact, eventually Joseph ended up as second in command of the whole nation of Egypt.

What about you? You have responsibilities right now that you might be tempted to ignore or get frustrated about. When this happens, remember Joseph's example and choose responsibility. Just like he did, you'll prove to others that you can be trusted. And doing that might lead to even bigger responsibilities in the future.

Unscramble the words below to reveal the Bottom Line for this week.

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LOOK for ways to show responsibility, even when you don't feel like it.

Answer: Show you can be trusted by what you do.

READ COLOSSIANS 3:23

DAY 4

It's awesome to be recognized for the things we do. But the truth is, most of the time the things you do day in and day out won't receive any applause or special recognition. Sometimes, responsibility means you just gotta do what you gotta do.

But here's something cool. There is Someone who sees it. Every time you choose to be responsible, your God sees it. EVERY time. So when you're tempted to throw in the towel thinking no one cares about the things you do, remember the ONE that you should be doing it for anyway. He loves you more than anyone. And when you work with all your heart, it NEVER goes unnoticed.

Think about some things you've taken responsibility for this week. Who noticed it? Your mom or dad? A friend? Don't worry if no one noticed—that's okay. When you show responsibility and work for God, you are worshiping Him with your life. Spend some time thanking God for giving you the ability to show responsibility. Let him remind you how much He loves you.

KNOW that when are responsible, you are also worshiping God.



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