

**Upcoming Events**  
**McKnight last day: December 15**

**Budget preparations for 2020**

**Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Responsibility for Sin**

*“The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father’s iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son’s iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself ... ‘For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,’ declares the Lord God. ‘Therefore, repent and live’.”* Ezekiel 18:20, 32

**December Birthdays**

17 Bill Brown      27 Sue Tanner      29 Noah McKnight  
30 Richard Karns      31 Bob Pescador

**December Anniversaries**

12 Ron & Peggy Woodruff      18 Jim & Marie Burruss

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**Ezekiel and Sin**

By Tim Dooley

Chapter eighteen of the book of Ezekiel needs to be read, studied, and preached as much today as it did in Israel long ago. False doctrine concerning inherited sin permeates almost every denominational doctrine but is clearly refuted here by God (vs. 20–21).



Clearly God is indicating in this passage that each of us is accountable for ourselves and cannot blame God or others for our eternal fate. The soul that sins, it shall die. The righteous shall save his life.

One of the saddest spiritual situations I have ever witnessed is that of those who allow themselves to be deceived by false teachers. Not only will the false teacher be lost but those who listen to and believe them will also be lost. The consequences of false teaching and sin are inescapable and no one can save the unrighteous from themselves if they will not turn to God, repenting and obeying His truth.

God promises that there will be a remnant that will be saved and all will know that He is God. He is full of mercy and grace. He is a loving and righteous God. If a man will repent of his evil, turn in obedience to God, and faithfully walk in His ways, then this man shall save his soul. What life would we lay at the feet of God if we were called to stand before him in judgment today?

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## Accepting Responsibility

By Garreth L. Clair

One of the characteristics that most people today have in common is their refusal to accept personal responsibility for things that they have control over. It is not uncommon today to hear people give as their excuse for some failure in life one of the following: “I did not know how to do it”; or, “I saw someone else do it that way and I thought it should be done that way”; or, “Someone told me so; or, I did not have time to read about the problem”; or, “Someone made me do it that way”; or, “I thought it was acceptable”; or, “Everyone else believes that is right”.

There are many other responses given for failures in life by many people today just like these listed. What is wrong with this list? It simply is a dodging of personal responsibility and a failure to accept the consequence for a bad decision or a bad choice when called to account for the failure.

In most all secular pursuits today, people are refusing to accept responsibility for their deeds, lifestyle, or economic condition. This attitude of refusing responsibility for personal actions is also a problem in many congregations today.

The Bible tells us that our eternal destiny depends upon our acceptance of personal responsibility for the things we do and for the way we live. Please observe the following Scriptural references that show personal responsibility is to be accepted if man is to please God:

**Matthew 25:15-28** *“To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them and gained five more talents. In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.*”

*“Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ “Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival, I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore, take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’ (NASB)*

**Hebrews 5:8-9** *“Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;”*

### Conclusion:

In reality everyone is responsible for the choices that they make in every arena of life. For every choice there are consequences; therefore, when we accept responsibility for the decisions we make we will weigh the consequences before we make the choice. To consider well our choices and the possible consequence is a Biblical principle that everyone should incorporate within their actions toward choices in life (i.e., count the cost or consider the consequence well before committing to a position), that is an exercise in personal responsibility.