

## **Topic:** Character – Responsible (Lesson 432)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

### **Elementary:**

Verse: “He is faithful in all My house” (Numbers 12:7b).

Focus: A responsible person is someone who can be trusted with a job or duty of taking care of something or someone.

Practical Application: A lot of children want pets. Many parents are willing to get a pet for their children if the children are willing to help take care of it. If you get a new pet, such as a goldfish, kitten, or puppy, and your parents have asked you to help care for it by giving it food every day or by cleaning the fishbowl or the animal’s sleeping area, do you do it? Are you a person who can be trusted to feed the fish (cat, dog) every day or do you sometimes forget and the fish (cat, dog) must go without food? To be responsible means that others can trust you to do your task and do not have to do it for you.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “He who is faithful in the least is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in the least is unrighteous also in much” (Luke 16:10).

Focus: A responsible person is one who can be trusted to do what is right. He can be trusted to do the things that are expected or required of him.

Practical Application: When you are done brushing your teeth, do you put the lid on the toothpaste or do you leave the lid on the counter? When your parents ask you and expect you to hang up your towel after showering/bathing, do you hang it to dry or do you leave it on the floor in a pile? Everyday you are expected to make your bed. Do you do it everyday without being asked or do you only do it when your parents tell you to? To be responsible means that others can trust you to do what is expected of you.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “So then each one of us will give an account concerning himself to God” (Romans 14:12).

Focus: A responsible person is able to choose for himself what is right and wrong. He can answer and be accountable for his own conduct and obligations.

Practical Application: If you are playing outside with a Frisbee and the Frisbee hits your neighbor’s car and leaves a dent or scratch, what do you do? A responsible person would tell their neighbor what they have done and ask how they could help pay to fix the damage. Every day we are faced with numerous choices regarding being responsible. For example, we can choose to pick up the trash we see lying on the ground or we can walk past as if we did not see it. When your mom goes to the grocery store and asks you to finish your homework while she’s gone, do you do what you are supposed to do, or do you start reading your favorite book or play outside with a friend? When she comes home and you have to give an account, do you admit your actions and not make excuses or do you try to blame someone or something else for not getting the homework done? A responsible person will not try to blame others if he makes a poor choice.