

# Don't Ignore Your Life Responsibilities

That topic title doesn't sound very spiritual, but it's a reality that can't be ignored. It's something I've been taught as a Kingdom principle, but the natural mind doesn't see it as logical while wanting to understand life in the Spirit.

My time in the charismatic and pentecostal systems allowed me to observe what happens when spiritual believers desire to grow spiritually. Having a religious background and still being in systems that are based on religion, but which have the Spirit added on top, super-spiritual people are produced who were heading off on a tangent. I know, I was moving that direction myself, before I was arrested by the house church and Kingdom messages in separate decades.

Spirituality to the religiously-based mind sees a overwhelming focus on what is perceived to be spiritual activities, and that results in the natural life being cut off. What I began to experience was more like a monastic lifestyle, wedded to 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century existence. Activity was constant, whether in the personal arena or with church programs. The extreme manifestation of this was a withdrawal from life, especially the full family life. Natural responsibilities were rejected or completed with a bad attitude, and only perceived spiritual activities were engaged in with enthusiasm. Of course, there were many gradients of 'spiritual' lives among us, as not every one was fully committed to becoming super-spiritual.

When I was arrested by the Spirit, by being shown different realities to what I was taught, I allowed myself to follow his lead. From that followed a gradual period of deprogramming and reprogramming which increased in intensity over a 30-year period. I had to unlearn a great deal of what I thought were spiritual truths and relearn about many things, including life in the natural. I was eventually brought to the point where I realised that life is good because it was created for us – it's what we do with our lives that turns life into something unrighteous. I then had to learn to love being alive because life was given to me as a gift to use for the King and his Kingdom.

Not only that, but my intimate relationship with the Trinity resulted in them teaching me to be in relationship with the people I was to meet in my life. That was an extremely important activity in their eyes. I received a very big shock when Father told me to focus on the people in my street and to stop focusing on the city as a whole. That produced a real paradigm shift for me.

So much of what I thought was spiritual service to the Trinity turned out to be my own reasoning or that of teachers in the church system. I even found that some of the things I believed as immutable truths were in fact only the "teachings of men" which, in shock, I had to disavow and repent of.

I say all that as background to this teaching topic because I struggled with the area of responsibilities. It wasn't that I didn't support the concept of people fulfilling your responsibilities, it was the opposite. I had a built-in dynamo that always powered me to complete my responsibilities before doing anything else. That drive came from my agricultural training and my times as a jackeroo and grazier. Responsibilities are critical there because plant and animal lives depended on me making sure I completed my responsibilities.

However, I felt a great deal of pressure from my mind that fulfilling my life responsibilities impinged on my spiritual life, which wasn't pleasing to the Lord. Having left the land, it was town life that was now causing the trouble for my mind. It wasn't until Father told me he loved the way I did things, that I stopped and changed my attitude towards how I completed my life responsibilities. That was a big change for me, and a BIG release from self-condemnation.

I was very pleased recently when Father informed his people that they needed to fulfil their responsibilities and, that "the ends will justify the means":

*"Stay centered in My presence. The circumstances that you face at this time will require more patience than you thought necessary. Be strong and unwavering as you **plow through the necessary steps required to fulfill your responsibilities**. Refuse to get overwhelmed and keep pressing on. The end will justify the means."*<sup>1</sup>

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1 – "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (25-3-2021) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm)

So, for example, if you are married, your marital responsibilities are not nullified when you are spiritually awakened and desire to move forward spiritually. The same goes with children. If you have young children, you aren't exonerated of your responsibilities to see that they grow up stable, balanced and life-prepared, just because you decide that your spirituality is what the Lord wants you to focus your whole life on. Both marriage and child raising are pleasing to him, so being derelict in our duty in either of them does not bring pleasure to him.

To finish off, the other change that came from Father's retraining which relates to responsibilities, was his desire for us to operate in everything in excellence. He does every thing excellently, and as his sons, we are expected to copy his lead. Our responsibilities mustn't be done half-heartedly or with a bad attitude, because excellence is the bench-mark, not our desires. Excellence in the Kingdom means doing things the best we know how to – it's not perfection. Perfectionism doesn't come from the Trinity.

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