

Week 20th – 24th January: Accountability (C.H.R.I.S.T. value of Responsibility)

“What is a fear of living? ... It is not doing what you came here to do, out of timidity and spinelessness. The antidote is to take full responsibility for yourself - for the time you take up and the space you occupy. If you don't know what you're here to do, then just do some good.” (Maya Angelou) This week, we reflect on how we're answerable for the decisions that we make.

Wisdom from Spiritual Traditions

Jesus said, 'I tell you, on the day of judgement you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter.' (Matthew 12:36)

The son of Adam will not pass away from God's judgement until he is asked about five things: How he lived his life, how he utilized his youth, what means he earned his wealth with, how he spent his wealth, and what he did with his knowledge. (hadith)

Everyone receives the rewards of his own actions; his account is adjusted accordingly. (Guru Nanak)

Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10

Reflection & Prayer

O God, grant us the wisdom and the courage to see the impact of our decisions on others. You call each of us to be ready to give an answer for the choices that we make. Teach us to be responsible to one another through the responsibilities we each carry that together we may enjoy life in its fulness. Amen.

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Monday	Leadership is about taking responsibility, not making excuses. -- Mitt Romney
Tuesday	It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable. -- Moliere
Wednesday	What if we had to give an account each night before we went to sleep of the one thing that we did to make life brighter for someone else? -- Catherine Pulsifer
Thursday	No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible. -- Stanislaw Lem
Friday	We are all accountable for our actions; their affect and influence on our lives and the lives of others. -- Sameh Elsayed