

The celebrated historian Barbara Tuchman called our times, "The Age of Disruption, a period when we've lost belief in certain kinds of moral understanding of good and bad." A reporter for The *Indianapolis Star* once asked the two-time Pulitzer Prize winner what she thought was most needed in the next century. "Probably personal responsibility," she replied, explaining that this means "taking responsibility for your behavior and your expenditures and your actions, and not forever supposing that society must forgive you because it's not your fault."

In our day of abounding evils, I wish that all could understand and learn the lesson of "personal responsibility." It is taking responsibility for behavior that will aid in the improving of our society. Isn't it interesting that the Bible has been saying this all along? The Bible emphasizes personal responsibility!

Paul declared, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2Cor. 5:10). "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life" (Gal. 6:7,8).

By inspiration Ezekiel says it this way, "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself" (Ezek. 18:20).

We can blame no one but ourselves for our actions - we are responsible.

(from Tom Moore)

See you Sunday! -gls