



RESPONSIBILITY: *Accept*

Scripture theme: *“And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.’”* – Genesis 2:16-17. Accepting responsibility is a key component of manhood. Freedom in Christ requires responsibility on the journey.

Dad - Underline a rating on how your dad accepted responsibilities in the area of:

Financial provision for the family; ...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Self-discipline—physical & emotional;	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Education in school & in the Way; ...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Being a good role model; and ...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Spiritual leadership. ...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>

Student - Circle a rating on the level of respect your dad exemplifies today for each category.

(Dad - encourage honesty and listen well to the ratings. Accept affirmation and steer clear of being defensive.)

Dad - Give a specific example on where you rated your dad *high*, and another where the rating is *low* or *so-so*.

Student - Do the same.

Discussion time:

Were God’s rules clear and consequences conveyed?

- Discuss what distracted Adam from the responsibilities entrusted to him.

Given a work to do, a will to obey and a woman to love, Adam was granted responsibility for the Garden of Eden.

- Was Adam given more that he could handle? Are you? Discuss

Read 2Corinthians 10:5: *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we will take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

- Discuss *arguments* and *pretensions* you have faced that stand against the knowledge of God in your life.
- What thoughts have distracted you from physical, emotional or spiritual responsibilities as a Christian this past week?
- Discuss what it means to *‘take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.’* Are you up for accepting this responsibility?

We commit to: _____

Prayer: Lord, the first Adam failed to step up to the responsibilities given him. Thank You for the second Adam (1Cor.1:45), Who did step up in relationship with You to do the work of taking on the sin of the world; to obey all the way to the point of death on the cross; and to love the woman You gave Him, the Church. I understand what I inherited from the first Adam. Help me step up in relationship with You to be the responsible man, husband and father you expect me to be in the strength of the second Adam, Jesus the Christ. Amen.