



“And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself. It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.” (Ps. 79:15-17 LXX)

Responsibilities

What are some Christian responsibilities?

1. Preserving the Church

- ◆ Orthodox faith
 - ◆ “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. (Gal. 1:8)
 - ◆ Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. (2 Thes. 2:15)
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Unity

2. Towards ourselves

- ◆ “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” (1 Cor. 6:15-17)
- ◆ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... (Eph. 2:10)

3. Towards the brethren

- ◆ “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.” (Lk. 11:23)
- ◆ “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”
(Matt. 7:13-14)

Lessons in Responsibility

Lessons:

1. Commitment is required

2. We will be held accountable

- ♦ "Now at vintage- time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard." (Lk. 20:10)

3. Expect antagonism

- ♦ "But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed." (Lk. 20:11)

4. Neglecting our duties is detrimental