

I Am Responsible!

Those are three of the most important words to have in your vocabulary. When first we start to interact with others we sometimes realize that admitting guilt leads to punishment. Isn't it easier to wiggle out by just accusing someone else of being the culprit? When the "innocent" habit is allowed to continue unchecked we develop the ability to always see another being responsible. It is a relief to call another person guilty because it takes the heat off of us. Besides he/she is too dumb to put up a good defense and we can get away with it! In the work that we do we are trained to observe, analyze and report. The person who also tries to wiggle out of the duty to report fully, accurately and responsibly will eventually have to face up to evasion. As professionals it is hard for us to admit ineptness, laziness, careless application to correct procedures or forgetting. But that day will come. When heat comes down there is no alternative but to admit our fallibility, for there is no escape from information and communication today. It is much too precise and complete. There have been so many circumstances in which I have been involved in my several years here, which have turned ugly because of failure to accept responsibility for acts or omission. Maturity will cure a lot of these "wiggings." There is nothing to be gained by failing to disclose culpability and a career can be lost. If we can recognize early on that we stand and fall by our attitudes toward realities we have taken a big step.

The most profound attitude and code we can develop and adhere to is: **I am responsible!**

Remember guys and gals, God loves you too!

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