

**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**PART 4: RESPONSIBLE INFLUENCE**  
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*"So, then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12 (NIV)*

**re•spon•si•bil•i•ty**, *n*, the state or fact of being accountable or answerable for something within one's power or control.

**THE INFLUENCE OF THE EARLY CHURCH**

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41 (NIV)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-44,46,47 (NIV)

"The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number." Acts 5:12-14 (NIV)

"So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7 (NIV)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight." Acts 1:8-9 (NIV)

- **Sharing the Good News is not \_\_\_\_\_.**

**It's the \_\_\_\_\_ of every \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **INFLUENCING THE WORLD AROUND ME**

"Once again a message came to me from the LORD: "Son of man, give your people this message: 'When I bring an army against a country, the people of that land choose one of their own to be a watchman.'" Ezekiel 33:1-2 (NLT)

- 1. STEP ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ IS ALMOST EVERYTHING.**

"When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives. But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths." Ezekiel 33:3-6 (NLT)

- 2. STEP TWO: \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **HOMEWORK**

- **Does \_\_\_\_\_ put me in a position to influence the world for Christ?**
  - A. Is there something in my life that I need to change in order to be a better example?**
  - B. Am I trustworthy enough to be a watchman?**
- **Am I \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News and what it means to me?**