

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 19th MARCH 2021

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Tōku manaaki tōku toiora, Tōku toiora tōku manaaki
when service is my well-being, my well-being is served

MONDAY, 15th MARCH 2021

Good Morning All

WELCOME everyone to Week 7 ... all is well and God is good!

What a beautiful autumnal morning ... makes up for getting up in the dark these days.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY for Mr Vainikolo. Prayers and thoughts.

Our PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS for Mrs Doris Reeve who has been unwell.

GO WELL to Fili Fono and Troy Wigley who are away at the Counties Swimming competitions today.

Our theme for this week is



The Bible reading was from 1Peter 1:5-10 on page 1544 in the Wesley Bibles.

Are RESPONSIBILITY and accountability one in the same thing?

Are they the flip side of the same coin? Can we be RESPONSIBLE without being accountable?

Can we be accountable without being RESPONSIBLE? Is RESPONSIBILITY an ongoing action whilst accountability specific in time and to a task? What does leadership look like in these terms?



The reading reminds us to “make every effort to increase our faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, affection, and love. Having these qualities helps us to live life thoughtfully.

When our hearts and minds are equally at peace because we're on the right track to being the people God intends, we learn the gift of being RESPONSIBLE. Each one of us is called to living life fully and with it comes RESPONSIBILITY to reflect the One who calls us through who we are, what we say, what we do, when we do it and how we do it.

The call is one of self-RESPONSIBILITY in the first instance. When we can do for ourselves then we can do for others.

When we together then accept our collective RESPONSIBILITY, we are made even stronger for the tasks God calls us to.

Have a blessed day and week.

TUESDAY, 16th MARCH 2021

Good Morning All

A fine start to the day. Giving thanks.

Responsibility

is our theme for this week and our third Kairangi value.

The Bible reading is from Galatians 6:3-10 on page 1454 in the Wesley Bibles.

The first place of RESPONSIBILITY lies with the individual ... ME MYSELF AND I

If we cannot be RESPONSIBLE for ourselves then we cannot be RESPONSIBLE for others because there is no framework or experience from which to work. We don't know what we don't know.

As individuals we struggle the most to 'walk the talk.'

We struggle to get to class on time ... well done to those who are on time ... we struggle to get up in the mornings without being woken up by the dorm parents ... well done to those who set their alarms and wake themselves up ... we struggle to remember to take our bags and books to class so that we're always prepared ... well done to those who pack their bags before they go to bed in readiness ... we struggle to get up and go for a run in the mornings as part of our training for rugby ... we struggle to do what is good and fair and just ... we struggle to do good and to be good. Why do we struggle ... what's with that?

RESPONSIBILITY begins with the ability to look at ourselves in an inward critical way of seeing. It's part of the season of Lent ... taking a good look at ourselves ... do we like what we see ... how can we change if we don't ... so life isn't one constant struggle?

Self-management, independent learning, self-care will help us to live life thoughtfully.

V10 Therefore, as we have the RESPONSIBILITY, let us do good to all people.

This is our RESPONSIBILITY and when we realise this, opportunities and possibilities start to appear and we find there is time to not only do the things we have to, but do the things we really want to. RESPONSIBILITY ... POSSIBILITY ... OPPORTUNITY!

Nothing
will ever change while
you point the finger of blame.
Out of responsibility
comes possibility.

Esa Villa Prosen

My Renewed Mind on Facebook 2010

Have a blessed
day.

WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH 2021

Good Morning Everyone.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit ... Happy St Patrick's Day!

THANK YOU to the Prefects who led chapel this morning.

RESPONSIBILITY is the mantra for this week.

The Bible reading was from Romans 12:6-13 on page 1406 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are our choices! The reading reminds us what RESPONSIBILITY looks like. The God given gifts and talents we have been blessed with provides us with the clues and insight as to how we are to be RESPONSIBLE.

If we have the gift of service then serve, the gift of prophecy then prophesy, the gift of teaching then teach. If we have been given the gift of encouraging others then that is our RESPONSIBILITY, to be generous. If our gift is one of caring for others then care, look out for those who seem lost, lonely, unsure of themselves or afraid.

God makes us channels of peace ...

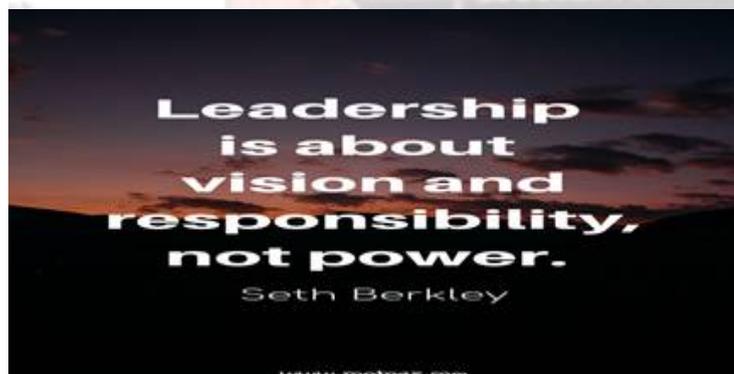
If our gift is leadership then good leadership is about vision and responsibility not power ... it is our RESPONSIBILITY to be hardworking, compassionate and to contribute to making a safe environment for everyone.

We are also reminded that our gifts and our RESPONSIBILITY are actions accompanied by love and patience, hope and prayer.

These are values/characteristics that will help us to show RESPONSIBILITY, to be RESPONSIBLE people. If we don't show RESPONSIBILITY we will never see what opportunities there are because we may be too busy being irresponsible.

When we practice RESPONSIBILITY, we realise the full potential of the gifts we have been blessed with and the wisdom of God the Giver in giving us these gifts and corresponding opportunities. God calls us ... God gifts us.

Have a blessed day.



THURSDAY, 18th MARCH 2021

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 19th MARCH 2021

There was no Chapel message today.