

# Taking Responsibility

Abraham Lincoln said, “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”

And he was so right.

The “blame game” goes back to the beginning. God told Adam and Eve when He placed them in the Garden of Eden that they could have it all – except they were not to eat of the tree in the middle of the Garden.

However, they ate the fruit of that tree and in the evening, as God walked in the Garden, He called for Adam and Adam responded, “Over here, Lord.”

Then God asked the question, “Adam, did you eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the Garden?”

God already knew the answer, but He wanted Adam to respond.

Adam, however, did the “manly thing” and replied, “Lord, let me tell You about that woman You gave me!” And that’s where the ball started its long, unending roll.

God then asked Eve if she had eaten the fruit, and Eve passed the ball along and said, “Lord, let me tell You about that snake!”

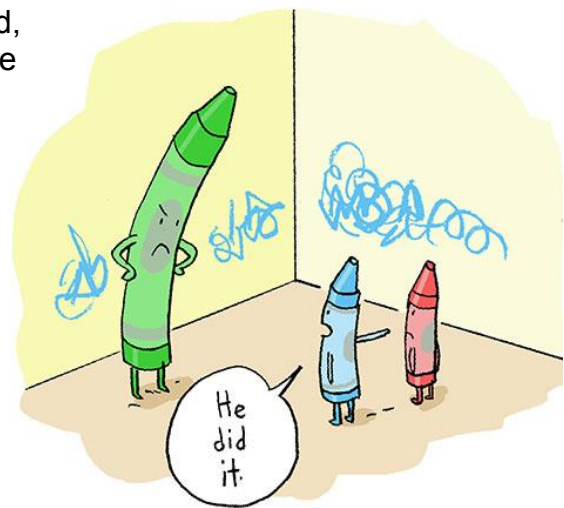
And, of course, the snake didn’t have a leg to stand on! (Forgive me, please, but that was too good to pass up.)

Theologically speaking, I know I’m in error when I make that statement – just to be funny. But I am not in error when I say each one of us must recognize that it is not “his fault, her fault or their fault” – it is our responsibility.

We live in a world in which passing the buck seems to be the norm. To solve the problem, we need to go back to the beginning and – starting in the family – teach our children responsibility.

Next, we should pass the baton to the teachers in the schools and insist that they continue to teach responsible behavior. The influence of the church on development of its youth regarding this matter is obviously huge as well.

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Then, when our young people have learned their lessons well, they will practice responsibility in their personal lives and the workplace.

When this happens, the responsibility crisis is appropriately addressed and we can have a better society as a result.

The price of greatness is responsibility.

*For each will have to bear his own load* (Galatians 6:5 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter