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**AN ETHIC OF  
PERSONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY**

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**“A SET OF MORAL  
PRINCIPLES;  
A GUIDING PHILOSOPHY”**

“Ethic” from [Merriam-Webster.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ethic) Dictionary

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# PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- **“Be careful what you hear” — Mark 4.24**
    - ▶ **Spoken by Jesus after the parable of the sower.**
    - ▶ **Immediately after “if anyone has ears to hear”**
    - ▶ **Followed by a discussion of standards, measuring, and having:**
      - ❖ **What we need — ears to listen to God (cf. 4.10ff)**
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# PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- **“Be careful how you listen” — Luke 8.18**
  - ▶ **Spoken by Jesus in the same context.**
  - ▶ **Parables revealed and exposed God’s will (8.17)**
  - ▶ **Understanding leads to more understanding (8.18)**



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# PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- **“Be careful to listen” - Mark 4 + Luke 8**
    - ▶ **Vigilance concerning what and how we hear is useless if we simply don't listen.**
    - ▶ **We need to listen to:**
      - ❖ **Parables — sometimes the message needs packaging**
      - ❖ **Reality — much teaching empty without this framework**
      - ❖ **Jesus — He has demonstrated His authority (Luke 8)**
      - ❖ **When we're challenged — Luke 8.25**
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# A PERSONAL PLEA:

## ➤ To parents:

- ▶ This time has been challenging for all of us.
  - ▶ Don't let our time away from Bible classes negatively impact your children:
    - ❖ Maintain a consistent in-home Bible study (Deut. 6)
    - ❖ Create opportunity to talk about spiritual things (Eph. 6)
    - ❖ Realize it will be challenging (difficult?) to get back into the practice of Sunday PM and mid-week assemblies
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# A PERSONAL PLEA:

## ➤ To young people:

- ▶ It's not fair that your life has been disrupted like this
  - ▶ Use some of your free time to deepen your relationship with God:
    - ❖ Make time in your day for Bible reading (2 Timothy 3)
    - ❖ Be consistent in your prayer life (1 Thessalonians 5)
    - ❖ Be patient with your parents (Matthew 5)
    - ❖ Build stronger connections with your brethren (Romans 12)
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**MY RESPONSIBILITY TO LISTEN**  
**MY RESPONSIBILITY TO LISTEN WELL**

**MY RESPONSIBILITY TO “DO IT”**

*LUKE 8.21*

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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