



Taking Responsibility for Your Life #2 :: The Disproportionate Life {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

There are some things in life that just are. Take gravity. We can leverage our understanding of gravity in order to stay grounded or to fly. But the principle itself is pretty basic. Archimedes' principle on buoyancy is the same. We can leverage what we know about it for our benefit. But the principle itself is pretty basic—some things will float and others will sink. And it's the same with the principle of reaping and sowing: people reap what they sow. How can you leverage this principle to take greater responsibility for your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Give an example of a time you distinctively experienced the principle of “You reap what you sow.”
2. Have you ever been in a situation when God suspended the “reaping and sowing” principle and intervened in a supernatural way? Should we ask him to do this more often or does doing so excuse us from our responsibilities?
3. Read Galatians 6:3-7. How would you respond to someone who sets aside a relationship with God and says, “I need to take responsibility for my own life!”?
4. The corollary to the principle of sowing and reaping is the concept of *later and greater*. How have you experienced this to be true?
5. After taking ownership of your irresponsibility, what specific things do you need to do now that you should have been doing all along?

MOVING FORWARD

Ignore gravity and you'll fall on your face. Ignore basic rules of buoyancy and you'll sink. Ignore the principle of reaping and sowing, and you'll inevitably face the consequences of your decisions . . . later and greater! So take responsibility. Sow responsibly now to reap the benefits later. And if you don't like where you are in some area of life, then own up to your irresponsibility, and start doing what you should have been doing all along. It's not rocket science. It's taking responsibility for your life.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

People reap what they sow... Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:7, 9