



## *Taking Responsibility for Your Life #4 :: Embracing Your Response Ability {Andy Stanley}*

### INTRODUCTION

In order to take responsibility for your life, you need to look at your *response ability*. Do you have the ability to respond appropriately to anything life sends your way? You may not be able to control the hand that you're dealt, but you can control how you play that hand.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has been the biggest takeaway for you from this series?
2. If a child came up to you and complained, "Life's not fair!" how would you respond?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your *response ability*? (1 being you are able to appropriately respond regardless of what life sends your way; 10 being you constantly complain that "life is unfair")
4. Read Matthew 25:14-30. Do you find anything unfair or unsettling with this parable?
5. What is your favorite story about someone being responsible with his or her "bag of gold"?
6. In what areas of your life are you not taking full responsibility for what has been entrusted to you?

### MOVING FORWARD

We all love stories where the underdog comes out on top, applauding those who have gotten the short end of the stick yet are able to accomplish great things. If there's anything that our experience has taught us, it's that life is unfair. As Jesus' parable illustrated, we're all entrusted with different amounts of gold. Taking responsibility for your life means refusing to make excuses for how much you've been given and, instead, doing something with the opportunities that you do have some control over. So let's take responsibility for our lives . . . really.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"*

**Matthew 25:21**