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## BARRIERS THAT HINDER MEN FROM BEING RESPONSIBLE LEADERS

### #1 YOUTHFUL LUSTS

Many men refuse maturity because they fail to abandon what the Bible calls youthful lusts. Our fleshly nature seeks after pleasure rather than obedience to God. These lusts are not limited to just sexual sin, but include excessive desires for physical pleasure, popularity, acceptance, worldly success, achievement, etc. Men constantly seek these short-sighted cravings for personal pleasure or gain, rather than for personal godliness. Responsibility is progressive, and when a man can overcome his desire for youthful lusts, he will be able to advance to the next level of responsibility in manhood.

### #2 LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Men of God must also embrace the fact that they are accountable to live by the Word of God and take authority as a leader in the capacity that God gives him. Ecclesiastes 12:13 says "Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man's all." Accountability means you are responsible for your actions and you can be called out if you are not meeting the standard. At a certain age a young man is responsible for all his actions and will even be judged by God for every idle

word spoken (Matthew 12:36). Before a man can be ready to be a husband and father, he must show that he can be counted on and reliable.

Obedience to God's Word, sacrificial living, hard work, and a respected name are characteristics that indicate a man is ready for the next level of manhood. Being held accountable prepares a man for leadership.

-Jeremiah Pojah



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