

Appropriate & Inappropriate Accountability

(appropriate for High Schoolers and older)

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Accountability: *having a responsibility to accomplish something or take care of something combined with a requirement to report on or explain its current state.*

Accountability involves two things:

- 1) I'm responsible to accomplish something or take care of something
- 2) I'm required to report on or explain its current state or status

If I have a responsibility for something but I'm not required to report on it then I am responsible but not accountable. If I am required to report on something that I am not responsible for then I am a reporter, auditor, or assessor, but I am not accountable.

Who Am I Accountable To?

Tonight we will discuss eight areas of accountability that we all have as well as the dangers of inappropriate "accountability". I'm accountable to God, the Bible, my spouse, ministry leaders, those I teach, secular bosses, government officials, and selected wise men.

Being accountable involves reporting and explaining status to certain people. But notice I listed the Bible as something we are accountable to. That may sound odd but we will talk about how that works in tonight's study because not understanding this properly can lead to problems in the church.

1) I'm Accountable to God

The Bible tells us that each one of us will give an account of our lives to God at the Judgment.

Romans 14:12

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

(Hebrews 4:13)

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

This includes our actions, motives, intentions, and the words we have said. Our words are far more important to God than most of us realize.

Matthew 12:36-37

But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

The good news for Christians is this accounting will be done with the intent of determining our eternal reward.

(II Corinthians 5:9-10)

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

For non-christians this accounting will be done to determine the intensity of their eternal punishment.

(Luke 12:57)

And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, ⁴⁸ but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few.

2) I'm Accountable to the Bible

The Bible is unique and unlike any other written document or spoken word in that it is living and active and able to judge someone's thoughts and intentions.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

As a result we are accountable to the Bible. But how does this work? How do you report status to a book? When another Christian comes to you and tells you they don't think you are right about something you believe, or the way you live, how do we often respond?

Much of the time we don't believe they have a right to judge us and we reject what they are saying. It is true that we are not necessarily accountable to any and all other Christians.

I Corinthians 4:1-4

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. ³ But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. ⁴ For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

But instead, what if they show us from the Bible what it is that is causing the concern? If what they are showing us in the Bible really is true (Its not a misunderstanding of a passage) how should we respond? Instead of viewing the interaction as being asked to be accountable to another Christian, what if we viewed it as being accountable to the Bible?

II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And rebukes for discipline are the way of life

In this case the actual person sharing the concern is not the one I am accountable to but I am accountable to the Bible.

(Romans 3:19-20)

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰ because by the works of the Law none of mankind will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* knowledge of sin.

This change of viewpoint might help us avoid unnecessary conflict in the church and increase our wisdom.

Proverbs 9:7-9

One who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And one who rebukes a wicked person gets insults for himself. ⁸ Do not rebuke a scoffer, or he will hate you; Rebuke a wise person and he will love you. ⁹ Give *instruction* to a wise person and he will become still wiser; Teach a righteous person and he will increase *his* insight.

When we are corrected by someone who is accurately using the Bible, we should suppress the desire to scoff at them and recognize that it's the Bible we are accountable to, not that person.

3) I'm Accountable to My Spouse

Genesis 2:18

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

You might not have thought of marriage this way but it turns out that when you get married you also get a person to whom you are accountable to 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including holidays! If you marry a mature Christian this is a big plus for you! This person is someone who can help keep you accountable in all the areas of the Christian life including what you do with your physical body, your ability to be understanding, and your ability to demonstrate honor to someone else.

I Corinthians 7:4

The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

Having authority over someone else's body covers a lot of ground. For example, eyes, ears, mouths, hands, and feet are parts of our bodies so we are accountable to our spouse for what we expose our eyes and ears to, what we do with our hands and feet, and what we say with our mouths!

(I Peter 3:7)

You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

4) I'm Accountable to Ministry Leaders

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit *to them*—for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account—so that they may do this with joy, not groaning; for this *would be* unhelpful for you.

If you are involved in any type of Christian ministry then you are also accountable to the leaders of that ministry in regard to issues relevant to that ministry. For example, if you go on a mission trip with a mission organization there may be one or two issues of doctrine or style that you disagree with them on. But because you are accountable to the leader of that ministry it would be inappropriate for you to do, say, or teach something that disagrees with what that ministry leader is trying to do (while on the mission trip) unless they give you permission to do it first. If the issue is too big for you to let go (i.e. not address the topic in public) during the time you are ministering with them then you should find a different mission organization to work with.

5) I'm Accountable to Those I Teach

James 3:1

Let not many *of you* become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

(I Peter 3:15)

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect;

Whether we are teaching Christians or teaching non-Christians (i.e. sharing the gospel) we are accountable to them to be accurate in our teaching. If we are teaching young people who are not yet legal adults then we are also accountable to their parents for what we are teaching their children.

One practice I use for accountability is I document my studies in writing and make them available both on a website and on request so that it's clear exactly what I am or will be teaching. It also gives people an opportunity to let me know if there are parts of a study needing correction or improvement, which I appreciate.

6) I'm Accountable to My Boss

Luke 16:1-2

Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions. ² And he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

It goes without saying that we are accountable to our bosses at work regarding issues of our employment and job performance.

(Colossians 3:22-24)

Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

(Genesis 39:4-6)

So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. ⁵ It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field. ⁶ So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him *there* he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate.

(II Kings 12:10-12,15)

When they saw that there was a great *amount of* money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest went up and tied *it* up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the Lord. ¹¹ And they handed the money which was assessed over to those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the house of the LORD; ¹² and to the masons and the stonecutters, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the damage to the house of the LORD, and for everything that was laid out for the house to repair it. ¹⁵ Moreover, they did not require an accounting from the men into whose hands they gave the money to pay to those who did the work, because they acted faithfully.

7) I'm Accountable to Government Officials

I'm accountable to the government on various issues. For example, when tax time rolls around the government requires that I report my income to them so they can tax me.

Mark 12:17

And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him.

(Romans 13:1-7)

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. ⁵ Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8) I'm Accountable to Selected Wise Men

I have a friend who disciplined me when I was a college student, has prayed for me everyday from 1985 until the present, and has given me opportunities to grow as a Christian when it would have been easier for him not to.

Over the years he has demonstrated a high degree of trust in me and I in him. He has taken me on mission trips multiple times and entrusted me to teach on the mission field which puts his own ministry at risk if I don't do a good job. He has allowed me to post bible studies on his website which, again, could put his own ministry at risk if I don't do a good job. He is a full time missionary and supports his family solely from his ministry donors. Very few ministers would do this for a layman.

A few years ago he noticed that the rate at which I was posting studies to his website had dropped off significantly in one year. I was having some difficulties at work which was consuming a lot of my time that year. One day he called me and said, "Are you involved in serious sin?" I said, "not that I know of". But I thought it was good of him to notice the change and check up on me. Very few Christians have someone they can trust that will do that for them.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, So one person sharpens another.

In order to have this, you will need to take action to seek out someone who is wiser and more experienced in the Christian faith who can be trusted to do what is in your best interests. You can make yourself accountable to them.

Proverbs 15:12

A scoffer does not love one who rebukes him; He will not go to the wise.

(Proverbs 1:5)

A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,

(Proverbs 13:20)

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Even mature Christian leaders need this type of accountability to help them stay out of trouble.

Galatians 2:11-14

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For prior to the coming of some men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and separate himself, fearing those from the circumcision. ¹³ The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

(Proverbs 27:6)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy

Characteristics of a Wise Man You Choose to be Accountable To

The wise man you choose to be accountable to needs to be someone you can completely trust to not share your information with others.

Proverbs 20:19

He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.

(Proverbs 11:13)

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

(Proverbs 17:9)

He who conceals a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

The focus of the relationship should be positive with an emphasis on Christian growth and action.

Hebrews 10:24-25

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

(I Thessalonians 5:11)

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

(Ephesians 4:32)

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

(Colossians 3:12-14)

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

(Philippians 4:8)

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things

The person you choose to be accountable must have a deep understanding of God's Word and how to apply it.

II Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

The person should be someone who is willing to engage in ministry activities with you.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. ¹⁰ For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. ¹¹ Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹² And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

(Mark 6:7)

And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits

The Dangers of Inappropriate “Accountability”

Although there are many positives to accountability there is also a dark side you need to be aware of. What do you do about the person who comes to you and wants you to be accountable to them even though they don't fit any of the categories we have mentioned?

In other words they are not your spouse, your ministry leaders, people you teach (or their parents), your secular boss, government officials, wise men that you have selected, or Christians rightly using God's Word to ask you about something they are concerned about regarding you?

In these situations you are not required to be accountable to them but remember, you are still accountable to the Bible.

This is important because inappropriate accountability is a standard method that cults use to control their members!

Confession of sins is a common control method used by cults

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Cult leaders convince their victims to separate themselves from society and family, give up personal possessions, and sometimes huge sums of money. They convince people to buy into whatever they are promoting. To do this a cult leader must be a master at controlling people.

Ways in which leaders gain control over cult members vary, but some popular methods include:

- 1) Public Humiliation:** New cult members may be “love bombed” shortly after their arrival, but once they are established members, cult leaders often maintain emotional control through exercises meant to publicly humiliate a member. One such method involves someone sitting in a chair surrounded by other members, at which time they are required to admit their recent failures, base thoughts, secret sins, and shortcomings.
- 2) Self Incrimination:** Self incrimination requires cult members to provide their leader with written statements detailing their individual fears, deepest secrets, and mistakes. The cult leader can then use these statements to shame individual members publicly.
- 3) Brainwashing:** Cult leaders are known to repeat various lies and distortions until members find it difficult to distinguish between reality and cult life.
- 4) Paranoia:** To maintain a false sense of comfort, cults often rely on paranoia tactics. Cult leaders convince their victims that a group, their families, and/or the government is out to get them, but that the cult can provide safety. Once a cult member comes to the conclusion that their families and country cannot keep them safe, they begin to put all of their faith in their cult leader. Members are encouraged to spy and report on one another.

Notice that two of the four methods cult leaders use to control people involve the public and/or written admission of all of their sins, crimes, weaknesses, and moral shortcomings. This information can then be used to blackmail or manipulate the person so that they do what the cult leader wants.

Appendix – Bear one another’s burdens or bear our own load?

In **Galatians 6** there appears to be a contradiction between verse 2 and verse 5. Verse 2 states that we should bear one another’s burdens but verse 5 states that each one will bear his own load.

How do we explain this apparent contradiction?

Galatians 6:1-10

Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting, but to himself alone, and not to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load. 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 Let’s not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let’s do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

The key to understanding what is going on here is in the original language words that have been translated as “load” in the two verses. It turns out the words are different words!

In verse 5 (where each one will bear his own load) the word translated “load” is “*phortion*”. This word means to carry a standard load. In other words this load is the normal work God has assigned to each Christian. The picture here is of a soldier carrying their standard issue backpack. So each of us has standard work assigned to us by God that we are to bear ourselves with the help of God’s grace and Holy Spirit. This is the same word that Jesus uses in Matthew 11:30 to describe the standard load all Christians are to carry.

Matthew 11:30

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

In verse 2 (where we are to bear one another’s burdens) the word translated “load” or “burden” is “*barē*”. This word means to bear a load which is crushing, extremely heavy, and beyond what one person can be expected to carry. This is the same word used in Revelation 2:24.

Revelation 2:24

But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

The situation in Revelation 2:24 was one where the church was being led by a false teacher (Jezebel) and most of the Christians were following her. In verse 24 Jesus is commending the minority in the church that did not agree with her teachings. Having to live as minority in their own church was a heavy burden not part of the normal load each of us carries.

So, extremely heavy loads can come into the life of the Christian through heavy persecution, heavy opposition, periods of testing (like Job), and the results of serious sin (examples: adultery, financial mismanagement, criminal activity).

Conclusion

God expects each of us to carry our normal, standard work load. Some of this is common to all Christians (examples: reading the Bible, attending church, prayer, sharing the gospel) and some is unique to the spiritual gifts and calling we have been given by God. In cases where a Christian is experiencing an unusual, extremely heavy load (examples: persecution, opposition, serious sin) we are to help them carry that load.

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Appropriate & Inappropriate Accountability*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 14:12, Hebrews 4:13, Matthew 12:36-37*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Corinthians 5:9-10, Luke 12:57*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *James 3:1, I Peter 3:15*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 16:1-2, Colossians 3:22-24*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Mark 12:17, Romans 13:1-7*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 27:17, Proverbs 15:12*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *James 5:16, Proverbs 27:6*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 10:24-25, I Thessalonians 5:11, Ephesians 4:32*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 3:12-14, Philippians 4:8*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Mark 6:7*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Galatians 6:1-10, Matthew 11:30, Revelation 2:24*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?