

GIVING AN ACCOUNT

Romans 14:12

Accountable – The word accountable means – to become liable, to take responsibility, to answer for.

Romans 14:12 The verse that Paul gives us by inspiration tells us several important things that must take place in the life of a each believer. 1St – he tells us that “every one of us”, which means that no one gets a pass on this judgment. 2Nd – he tells us that each of us “shall give account”, this means that there is a reckoning or some kind of checklist that has been kept that each of us must answer for because we are liable, or held responsible for certain things in our Christian life. **See (Luke 12:48)**

I Corinthians 3:13 Paul expounds on our accountability while writing to the Corinthians. The context is the same judgment we'll face but he tells us that our accountability is based on our “works.”

Matthew 25:14-15; I Peter 4:11 If we compare scripture with scripture and keep the context of Christian works, we find that the Lord's requirements for each believer is to complete our works according to the abilities that He has given us. We are not required to do works beyond our own ability.

ACCOUNTABLE TO HEAR

Mark 4:21-24, 33 Jesus warns those that hear His word that He is not hiding truth from us. If we have spiritual ears of understanding we will get more truth from Him and be held accountable.

II Timothy 2:15 Paul admonishes us to “study the word” so we can know and perceive God's word.

Hebrews 5:11-14; 10:25 The writer admonishes us because of our lack of understanding God's word as we have been saved for some time. He then exhorts us to gather as often as possible in order to grow.

ACCOUNTABLE TO SEE

Ephesians 1:15-18 Paul prays for the church that their eyes may be opened spiritually to the truths of Go's word. When our eyes are opened through the word of God we can then receive His wisdom and understand what He wants us to do in our Christian life.

I Corinthians 2:9-10, 13 Paul gives a clear message regarding God opening our spiritual eyesight through comparing scripture with scripture. If we are not in the word our spiritual eyes are blinded.

ACCOUNTABLE FOR SELF-CONTROL

Romans 12:1-2 Paul reminds us that the only sure way of serving God in an acceptable way is to surrender our all to Him and serve Him with our life and our mind by not conforming to the world.

I Corinthians 9:27; James 3:3-6 God cannot and will not use a dirty vessel in His work on earth. It is up to each believer to keep our desires, our selfishness, and our tongues under control for our Lord.

ACCOUNTABLE TO STAND FAST

I Corinthians 4:2 God will hold each believer accountable and responsible for everything He has put under our care in this life; our talents- (spiritual gifts), our time and our money because it is all His.

Ephesians 6:11, 13-17 God has given all His children the necessary spiritual tools to fight Satan.

Galatians 5:1 Paul reminds us that our salvation is based on grace and faith and to never forget it.

ACCOUNTABLE TO TEACH

Acts 1:8; II Timothy 2:2 We are required and held accountable to tell others about salvation and to teach others what we have learned about God through the teaching and preaching of faithful men.