

Called to Be Accountable

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I. Introduction.

A. Our relationship with God is intimate but not private. My spiritual business is your spiritual business.

B. We must hold each other accountable—God has called us to do this.

C. Accountability is giving a group or individual permission to question one or more areas of one's life and committing oneself to total honesty with that group.

D. We are seeing in our society the direct consequence of no accountability.

E. Text: Luke 17, I Corinthians 12.

II. One needs to get in an accountability relationship with other believers because Jesus commands it.

A. If a brother sins, we are to rebuke him.

B. This is a powerful word.

C. Jesus taught that we are accountable even in terms of our sin.

III. Our relationship in the body of Christ necessitates accountability. There are no spiritual lone rangers since every part of the body of Christ is related to each other.

IV. Common sense argues for accountability.

A. Even if the only reason one does something spiritual is for accountability, it will still do one good.

B. We do better when someone is watching.

C. We all have blind spots that we will not see unless someone is watching.

V. Reasons we do not get into this kind of relationship.

A. We have been burned before.

B. Pride.

Application questions:

1. Which reason for accountability stands out to you? What strikes you most about it?

2. What excuses have you given for accountability in the past? How should you assess these spiritually?

3. What can you do to start consistent accountability or make your accountability more meaningful? Explain.
