

Accountability

God Does Hold Us Accountable

God does expect us to be responsible.

God does expect us to live holy!

God does expect us to mature in our walk with him!

God will not accept any excuse as to why we continually fail to do his will! (every excuse)

God has made us stewards over our own walk with God! (put us in charge)

1. We are accountable to God as to what we allow our flesh to do!

2. We are accountable to God for the way we conduct our finances, the way we spend our incomes, which we have received from God!

1. Accountable for our Flesh

We will one day stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ,

“We will give and account”

Statement of Truth!

Clarification—we are spiritual people in God’s eyes---saved people, not carnal/fleshly minded people

Romans 6: 3-6 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Our old man, (the fleshly man,) the man that has not accepted Jesus, has not been Born Again, Not Baptized. The carnal, lost person, is a slave to sin, he or she has no choice. Sin had dominion, and power over them!

Romans 6:7-11 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Apostle Paul spoke:

Oh wretched man that I am, **who shall deliver me** from this **“body of death”**. “I thank God **through Jesus Christ our Lord**”. **Jesus Christ** delivers us from death . We are no longer slaves or **servants of righteousness**—slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6: 12-14 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Let not sin therefore reign “or rule” in your mortal body! God does hold us accountable! Do not yield your members to lust, fornication, or adultery.

You are accountable, responsible—for what you do in your body---young people; and older people-----**flee fornication at all cost!!!!!!** All manner of sin that a man does, he does outside his body, but he that commits fornication sins against his or her own body!!! **Know you not that your body is the temple of god. If so be, the Holy Ghost dwelling in you!**

If any man defile this temple; him shall **God destroy!** For the Temple of God is Holy, which temple you are! **We are Accountable!!!!!!**

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Romans 8:1-16 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**
- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**
- 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**
- 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**
- 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.**
- 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**
- 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.**
- 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**
- 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**
- 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**
- 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

We are not in the Flesh. We the Church are not in the Flesh, that is in the old unsaved man, the man who has not repented or been baptized or received the Holy Ghost. **But we are in the spirit**—and God dwells in us!

2. Accountable for our Finances

Not only are we responsible to keep our bodies pure and Holy to God,

We are also responsible to keep **our finances under our dominion**; under our control. We must rule our finances, **we must be masters over our finances**. Our finance must not rule over us.

Know you not to whom you yield yourselves, **servants to obey**, “His servant you are to **whom you obey!**” A slave is not free. We must **not** become **financial slaves to our debts**. We must take responsibility for our financial actions. God has made us (rulers), stewards over **the possessions** he has given us.!

Example: To one man he gave **five talents**, to another **man two talents**, to another man **one talent**. **God expects us to gain, to increase what he has given us.**

Matthew 25: 14-30 14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.
16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.
17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.
18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.
19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strowed:
25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.
26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strowed:
27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.
28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.
29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.
30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

In the parable Jesus speaks that the man given **five talents gains five more**, and God says unto him well done my good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, “I will make you the ruler over many things; enter you into the joy of the lord.”

He spoke the same to the man given **two talents for he also increased, gained two more---**

But woe unto the one given one talent---for he dug into the earth and hid the Lords money. And when the Lord returned---He said Lord I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth:

3. God will hold us accountable how we handle the finance God gives us! Also we will be accountable for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Are you **sharing God's gift of Eternal Life** you received in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, or are we the man receiving one talent---are we hiding our gift of God?