

Topic: Accountability

Text: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Kings 20:39-40; Romans 14:12

Aim: To remind believers that they are accountable to God and man and as such, they should act responsibly.

Introduction: Accountability is the obligation to explain one's actions and responsibilities to others. We shall all give personal account of how we used our gifts and lived our lives to God. It emphasizes responsibility and consequences for one's actions. Accountability involves holding one other accountable in love and truth, leading to spiritual maturity and growth and not about punishment. Jesus is coming back to reward us according to our actions. Accountability also involves managing the resources God has entrusted us with to meet our mission and vision mandate. We are accountable for our thoughts, words, and actions. It extends to how we live our lives in the society, stressing the importance of ethical behaviour, transparency, and responsibility in all our dealings. Accountability helps to build stronger relationship where trust and transparency are valued. This is seen in encouraging one another, bearing one another's burden, correcting in love and using our gifts for the benefit of all.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss accountable with respect to the following:
Spousal relationship; Parents – Children relationship; Servant/master; Business/Marketplace; Leaders – members
2. What are the consequences of lack of accountability? Discuss with respect to question 1 above.

Conclusion: Jesus is coming back, and we shall all give account of our lives to Him. We shall account for our words, relationships in our homes, Church, and society at large. When we live a life of accountability, the people around us benefit from our labour even when we are no longer there. Poor accountability has deprived beneficiaries from accessing their rights and privileges thus enriching financial institutions and others. May we take lessons from the lives of those who lived well and be inspired to live lives marked by integrity, humility, openness, and steadfast commitment to following God's will.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in steward, that one be found faithful" (NKJV)