

CHAPTER 1: A PLAN FOR VICTORY
Lesson 7: WHY IS ACCOUNTABILITY IMPORTANT?

Accountability to God and to one another is the foundation for freedom and liberty. But what is true freedom? It's both the responsibility and the ability, by the grace of God, to do what is right according to God's Holy Word. Accountability is one of the means God uses to bring about solid growth and maturity in our Christian walk, to bring about restoration from life-dominating sin.

Accountability to God

We need to have a deep reverence for God first. Our priorities must be God-centered and our values must be based on biblical morality. When this becomes our attitude, our life and family will be blessed and our knowledge of spiritual things will increase.

1. Write out Proverbs 9:10 and Psalm 115:11.

2. According to Proverbs 8:13, what does the fear of the Lord look like?

3. What should be our attitude for restoration, and how will God bless us? See Proverbs 22:4.

Obedience to God

A person who has truly been redeemed by Jesus Christ will not live a life characterized by continuous, willful sin. For restoration to take place, we must be accountable to God and obey Him. We must have a loving relationship with God Himself.

4. In order to obey God, what does He ask of us? See Deuteronomy 10:12-13.

5. How can God's Word help us to obey? Look at Psalm 119:9-11.

Serving God

Serving God is a good way to stay accountable. We can do this by teaching our children about Him or declaring Him to others. Serving God also helps us to remember what God has done for us.

6. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and explain in your own words what this commands.

Accountability to One Another

Just as we are accountable to our employer on the job or accountable to our spouse in a marriage, we also need accountability for our spiritual development. However, we may be prone to resist, reasoning, "It's between me and God. It's nobody else's business." The Bible teaches that we as brothers and sisters in Christ are to be accountable to one another, to the degree that men are accountable to men, and women are accountable to women.

Receiving Accountability

7. Write Proverbs 12:15.

8. When receiving counsel, what does Hebrews 13:17 instruct?

9. Without the power of the Holy Spirit and reading God's Word, it's impossible to stay accountable to God. Write Galatians 2:20 as a reminder of who you are today.

10. Read James 4:17 and share your biblical responsibility for restoration.

11. What encouragement do you see in Galatians 6:9?

Helping others with accountability

12. What must we consider when keeping our friends accountable? See Hebrews 10:24-25.

13. As a Christian, why is it vital to have the courage to help in someone's accountability? See James 5:19-20.

14. Read Galatians 6:1-5 and share what the Bible teaches about being accountable to one another.

"So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12