Accountability

Introduction: Harry S. Truman was the 33rd President of the United States. One of his most famous quotes “The buck stops here”. He also said, “If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.” Accountability is important for it is connected to maturity, repentance, confession, and other important Christian virtues.

**I) What It Is and Is Not, Genesis 4.4-15**

**A) Accountability --**

**B) What it isn’t**

1. Passing the buck by blaming others**, Matthew 18.6-7**

2. Refusing the pay the cost of doing wrong. **Luke 13.3.**

**II) Part of Accountability Is Who You Are Accountable To.**

**A) God. Proverbs 20.11.**

1. **Ecclesiastes 12.13-14** you cannot escape your responsibility to God. : **Daniel 5.25ff**

2. **Luke 12.2-3** you cannot your life and thoughts before God.

3. **John 5.28-29** there is a recording of your life before God.

4. How we conduct ourselves around others, **Romans 14.10-12.**

**B) We are accountable to --**

1. Our

2. Our in Christ. **Hebrews 10.24-25.**

a. **Galatians 6.1-3** to those in sin.

b. To forgive one another, **Luke 17.3.**

**III) What Are We Accounntable For**

**A) What we , Matthew 12.36**

1. It is a scary thought that our words can condemn us. **Philippians 2.14-15.**

2. Aaron and Miriam was struck with , **Numbers 12.**

**B) What you , 2 Corinthians 10.5.**

1. Thoughts must be backed up with actions.

2. Doing the will of God is important.

**C) What you , 2 Corinthians 8.**

1. Not everyone has the same talents and abilities.

**D) What , James 3.13; 4.17.**

1. What more could I be doing in service to God?

2. Don’t pass the buck by looking at what others are or aren’t doing.

**E) What is , James 3.1**

1. Every teacher should recognize the immense opportunity they have to do good or harm.

2. Every Gospel preacher, every Bible class teacher, every Christian.

Conclusion: David is a great example of accountability. He sinned against God by committing adultery and murder. When confronted he said “I have sinned” **2 Samuel 12.13.** David paid the price, took ownership, and served God.