

**Reading:** Romans 14:12

**Topic:** Personal Accountability

**INTRODUCTION:** In today's modern world of face paced \_\_\_\_\_ and high-tech access to many sources of information, unfortunately many people have lost \_\_\_\_\_ of their own personal accountability and responsibility to themselves and others.

## I. MAN'S ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD:

### ***A. In the Beginning:***

1. When God created man and placed him upon the earth that was created, God did not \_\_\_\_\_ him to exist without some responsibility and accountability to his \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 2:15
2. The man was also given a \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to fulfill and evidently Adam gave that same information to his wife because she relayed the instruction to the \_\_\_\_\_ in their discussion. Gen. 2:16, 17

### ***B. Accountability Time:***

1. When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying the instruction of their \_\_\_\_\_, their first instinct was try to \_\_\_\_\_ from God. Gen. 3:8
2. God called Adam and Eve into His presence to hold them \_\_\_\_\_ for their actions, and their response is very typical of human \_\_\_\_\_ even to this day. Gen. 3:9-11
3. Adam tried to pass the \_\_\_\_\_ for his behavior to his wife and God, while Eve tried to blame it all on the \_\_\_\_\_, but God held them all accountable for their own actions. Gen. 3:12,13

### ***C. The Results:***

1. In a time of accountability, there are either \_\_\_\_\_ or penalties for the actions that are done, and in this case it was penalties for their disobedience to the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ instructions.
2. Unfortunately, the impact upon humanity of this \_\_\_\_\_ into sin endures unto this very day and also each individual that is \_\_\_\_\_ into this world will one day become accountable for his/her actions.

## II. THE TEACHING OF JESUS ON ACCOUNTABILITY:

### ***A. The Parable of The Talents:***

1. In the parable of the talents, each of the three individuals was \_\_\_\_\_ something to be responsible for and each was given the same amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfil their obligations. Mt. 25:14,15
2. After a period of time, the Lord returned and there was a day of reckoning when he \_\_\_\_\_ each of them to give \_\_\_\_\_ for what had been given to them. Mt. 25:19
3. Two of the servants had done very \_\_\_\_\_ with what they had been entrusted with, but the third guy did not accept responsibility for his lack of production but instead put the \_\_\_\_\_ on the master. Mt. 25:24,25

### ***B. More Examples:***

1. Jesus related a story of another man who was a \_\_\_\_\_ of a wealthy man and in charge of taking care of his master's \_\_\_\_\_, but did not do his job well. Lk. 16:1

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ was called to give \_\_\_\_\_ of his actions and it cost him his job. Lk. 16:2

### III. OUR PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

#### ***A. To Be Saved:***

1. Recent surveys among people in North America reveal that \_\_\_\_\_ people who have never believed and obeyed the Gospel still \_\_\_\_\_ that they will go to heaven when they die.
2. Each individual must make a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to believe and obey the Gospel for him/her self and no one will go to heaven because of their mother or father or by \_\_\_\_\_. John 3:3-5

#### ***B. To Develop A Spiritual Walk:***

1. Once an individual is born again and has a new life in Christ, they may have many \_\_\_\_\_ of help and encouragement from others, but the basic responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ their spiritual life rests with each of them personally. I Tim. 4:14
2. The level of our spiritual life will depend upon our daily \_\_\_\_\_ with God through prayer, the Word of God and worship. Gal. 5:16
3. The difference between someone who lives a strong and victorious \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, and someone who constantly struggles to spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ is that one individual takes personal care and responsibility for the daily time with God while the other neglects their spiritual life to do other things. Mk. 4:19

#### ***C. To Accept Responsibility For Our Mistakes:***

1. When we make mistakes, the best way to recover and \_\_\_\_\_ from the experience is to first admit that we have messed up, and to \_\_\_\_\_, ask God for forgiveness and move forward. I Jn. 1:8-10
2. The reason King Saul lost his way was because he failed to take responsibility for his own \_\_\_\_\_ and opted instead to put the \_\_\_\_\_ on others. I Sam. 15:20,21
3. The reason that David overcame his terrible \_\_\_\_\_ was because he was accountable for his own actions and took responsibility for what he had \_\_\_\_\_, thus obtaining mercy and forgiveness from God. 2 Sam. 12:13

**CONCLUSION:** When our lives come to an end and we stand before \_\_\_\_\_, we will not be able to point fingers at other people and \_\_\_\_\_ them for our behavior. We will only be giving account of ourself to Him. Therefore, may we be wise to accept personal responsibility for our own spiritual life and to nourish it daily through the Word of God and prayer. Romans 14:10-12