

Solid Foundation

Pillars of Christianity ***Lesson Six***

“Spiritual Accountability”

INTRODUCTION:

One of the most important factors of the Christian life is that of accountability. Every Christian is accountable first of all to God and secondly to one another. Jesus said, *“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked”* (Luke 12:48). Therefore, as children of God, each of us must understand our accountability and take it seriously.

* The Key Word is: _____

II Corinthians 4:1-2

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust (steward) must prove faithful.

* Every Christian is known as a _____.

* **Steward (Greek):** _____

* God is the _____; we are the _____.

* Our _____ as stewards should never be upon how _____ we have, but instead upon what we are _____ with what we have.

* **Our accountability primarily includes three areas:**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

1. _____

• **Tithe (Greek and Hebrew):** _____

- **The Tithe:**

1. _____
2. _____

Leviticus 27:30

A tithe of everything from the Lord, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

- The Tithe is also known as the _____.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops, then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

- Every Christian will be held accountable to _____ the tithe to God's _____ and _____ it to the Lord.

Malachi 3:10-12

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this”, says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the flood-gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit”, says the Lord Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land”, says the Lord Almighty.

2. _____

- God has given all of us _____ gifts and talents.
- Each gift is uniquely _____ to accomplish His _____ for our lives and to _____ to the work of His _____.

Romans 12:4-6

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

- Each Christian will be held _____ for the _____ God has given to them.

Matthew 25:15, 19

To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent each according to his ability . . . After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

- **Every church should be a place where:**

Different _____ with
 Different _____ use
 Different _____ at
 Different _____ in
 Different _____ to meet
 Different _____ needs . . .
 All for the Glory of God!

3.

- Time is the most _____ commodity we have.
- **The average American over the course of a lifetime will spend:**
 - _____ Months sitting at stop lights
 - _____ Months opening junk mail
 - _____ Year searching for misplaced objects
 - _____ Years trying to return phone calls
 - _____ Years standing in line

Ephesians 5:15-16

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

- **Redeem:** _____

Ephesians 5:17 (LB)

Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to do.

- Time is a _____ from God.
- The most important aspect of time is the _____.
- The main issue of time is not what you _____; not what you are _____ to do, but what are you doing _____?

Psalm 90:12 (LB)

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are. Help us to spend them as we should.

- When we _____ our time in study, devotion, Bible reading, worship, prayer and ministry, we are investing in God's _____.
- **The Apostle Paul sums it up with these words:**

I Corinthians 7:29, 31

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short . . . For this world in its present form is passing away.

CONCLUSION:

Stewardship is being accountable to God. It is important that we understand that we are appointed as caretakers and not owners. We are to be God's managers on the earth, knowing that the day will come when we must give an account for all He has given to us. Our desire is to hear Him say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness"* (Matthew 25:21).