

Biblical Accountability

Matthew 28:19-20

- A- Jesus commands us to make disciples.
- B- Disciples are made by baptizing them and then teaching them to obey everything God commands us.

Hebrews 5:13-14

- A- Babes in Christ, who feed on the milk, are not used to the Word and cannot fully tell the difference between good and evil.
- B- Those who learn the truth and practice what they've learned are able to discern between good and evil.
- C- Maturity is achieved throughout the use of the Word. (We must be fed milk first, then solid food).

I Peter 2:1-2

- A- We are to rid ourselves of all these evil things.
- B- We are to crave pure spiritual milk (as babes) to grow up in our salvation.

I Corinthians 3:1-2

- A- A newborn Christian is worldly and needs to mature spiritually. (Change from carnal to spiritual).
- B- Solid food is for the mature Christian; Infants need the spiritual milk of the Word.

Titus 1:1

- A- The knowledge of the truth leads to godliness.

Malachi 3:2-3

- A- Jesus is the refiner's fire. (The pure fire)
- B- Jesus is the launderer's soap. (The cleanser)
- C- Jesus purifies the Levites:
 - 1- In O.T. Levites = priests of Israel
 - 2- In N.T. Christian = priest (I Peter 2:9)
- D- Purification allows us to become holy and blameless to God. It allows us to get closer to God.

Now, the question is: what agents does God use to help you become mature and purified? Are you held accountable to grow and change?

That's where mentorship comes in.

FIVE AGENTS OF MENTORSHIP

GOD HOLDS YOU ACCOUNTABLE

Hebrews 12:1-11

- A- The Lord disciplines those He loves, those who are His children.
- B- Don't give up when you're disciplined - it's for your own good.
- C- If you are not disciplined, you are an illegitimate child and not a child of God.
- D- God's discipline causes you to live.
- E- His discipline brings about righteousness and holiness.
- F- Discipline seems unpleasant at the time, but its product is peace and righteousness.

Hebrews 4:12-13

- A- God's Word is living and active.
- B- It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart
- C- We will give account to God.

I Corinthians 11:32

- A- You are disciplined to avoid being condemned with the world.

THE WORD HOLDS YOU ACCOUNTABLE

II Timothy 3:16-17

- A- The Word is the Authority - it is from God.
- B- You are corrected and rebuked by the Word.
- C- The Word trains you to be righteous.

THE CHURCH HOLDS YOU ACCOUNTABLE

Ephesians 4:11-12

- A- Jesus gave us the prophets and apostles (The Bible) to equip us and build us up.
- B- Jesus also gave us our church leaders to equip us and build us up.
- C- God uses the church to hold us accountable

I Thessalonians 5:14-15

- A- The brethren are to admonish, encourage, help, and be patient with all.
- B- The brethren are to seek that which is good for one another.

Phillipians 3:17

- A- You are to observe those who walk in the pattern.

Hebrews 10:23-25

- A- You are to encourage one another on towards love and good deeds.
- B- You cannot forsake the assembly of the saints - if you do, you don't leave room to be encouraged, taught, and admonished by the church.

WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE

Ezekiel 3:18-21

- A- You are to be your brother's keeper.
- B- You must encourage your brothers to continue in righteousness, and point out one another's sins.
- C- If you don't do this you will be held accountable.

Hebrews 13:7-17

- A- You are to imitate the faith of those who lead you (Ill John 11 Imitate what is good).
- B- You are to obey your leaders and submit to them - for they keep watch over you.
- C- Your church leaders have to give an account to God.
- D- It is not profitable to grieve your church leaders.

YOU HOLD YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE

II Timothy 1:7

- A- God gave you the power to discipline yourself.

I Timothy 4:7-8

- A- You have to train yourself to be godly.
- B- This discipline will hold promise for this life and the life to come.

I Timothy 4:16

- A- Pay close attention to your life and to your doctrine.
- B- Persevere in them so that you may save yourself and those who hear you.

It is through these five agents of mentorship that God will be able to call you higher, to purify you and make you holy and blameless so that He can present you to Himself with joy. His discipline strengthens us in our Christian walk and helps us to be better servants of our fellow men - in bringing them the good news of the Kingdom of God.

DRAW NEAR TO GOD - HE DRAWS NEAR TO YOU

FLEE FROM GOD - SATAN DRAWS NEAR TO YOU

James 4:7-10