

All Will Give An Account

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: Did you ever like exams when you were in school? Why or why not?

Q: How about performance reviews or deadlines?

Q: How is an exam or a performance review related to the idea of accountability?

Q: Why is accountability a good thing?

Q: Why is accountability a hard thing?

READ: "No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him." - 2 Timothy 2:4

Q: In this verse, why are "civilian pursuits" to be avoided?

Q: What happens if the soldier doesn't heed this warning/discipline?

Q: What's the benefit of listening and following this wisdom?

READ: Romans 14:10-12 "Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

Q: In the context of this passage, Paul is talking about how we all see things differently. Some believe it's wrong to eat or drink certain foods, while others feel the freedom to do it. He warns us in our passage above to be on guard against "judging". Why is this important?

Q: ULTIMATELY what should we be focused on? Why?

Q: When the judgment comes, what will we be judged on?

A: Luke 18:8 "I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

An Idea Of What The Judgment (and accountability) Will Look Like:

READ: Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Q: What is the difference between the sheep and the goats?

Q: Were they necessarily aware that what they were doing would end up being reviewed?

Q: Why did Jesus commend the sheep and condemn the goats?

Q: How do we apply this in our life? (i.e. avoid goathood)