

Accountability

Accountability is the idea that you must answer to someone.

We are all accountable to someone. Someone has the responsibility to hold you accountable.

And you may have a responsibility to hold others accountable.

To whom must we all give an account? **Romans 14:12; Hebrews 4:13**

Biblical Examples of Accountability

1. Samuel held King Saul accountable for his actions. Leaders must not be so arrogant to think they don't have to follow the rules and cooperate. **1 Samuel 15**
2. Nathan held King David accountable for his sin with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband. Leaders must live up to a moral standard. They are not above the law. **2 Samuel 12**
3. King Joash held the priests accountable for getting the Temple repaired with the money they collected from the people. **2 Kings 12**
4. Ezra held the priests accountable who had married foreign wives. **Ezra 10**
5. Paul held Peter accountable for improper actions towards Gentile Christians. **Galatians 2:11-14**
6. The apostle John warns that he will make Diotrephes accountable for his actions. **3 John 9-10**

Leaders must expect to be held accountable,

1. More is expected from those who have more talents, responsibility, and authority. **Luke 12:47-48**
2. Deacons are expected to serve well. **1 Timothy 3:13**
3. Paul tells how to hold leaders accountable. **1 Timothy 5:19-21**
 - We must hold others accountable in the spirit of gentleness, kindness, humility, and in the manner God has prescribed. Remember that tough love does not have to be mean spirited.
 - Verify the facts if necessary with other witnesses.
 - If rebuke is necessary, carry it out with wisdom, meekness, kindness, and the right motivation.
 - Remember, many things are better handled privately and confidentially.
 - Do not show favoritism.
4. We must give an account for those people entrusted to our care. **Hebrews 13:17**
5. Submit yourselves to one another in humility. Hold each other accountable. **1 Peter 5:5**

God will richly reward his accountable servant leaders with joy on earth and rewards in heaven! Matthew 25:21-23