

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CORE VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY

HEBREW 10:19-25

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- Accountability to God and each other.
Romans 14:10; Heb. 10:19-25 and 13:17
- Mutual respect for each other. Ro. 12:10
- Grace in our relationship. Romans 12:9-21
- Glory to our God. 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Character in ourselves.
- Evangelism.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- I believe, in order to grow in any area of our lives, we need to be accountable to God, and some wise Godly people.
- The Bible teaches us, that we are accountable to God (Mt. 12:36-37; Ro. 14:10-12) and to each other (Heb. 10:19-25; 13:17).

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- We need to be accountable since, we live in a sinful world, and have a powerful enemy who tempts us regularly with flesh and the world system.
- All of us have blind spots which we are not able to see ourselves, so by being accountable, we can prevent many accidents.
- It will also prevent us to make unwise decisions in our life.

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- In an accountability relationship, we need to be aware of two extremes: we should not be too strict, nor too lenient.
- We should look for the following qualities in a person to whom we want be accountable to: confidentiality, honesty, authenticity, objectivity, godliness, availability and loyalty.

DEFINITION OF ACCOUNTABILITY

- The obligation of an individual or organization is to account for its activities, accept responsibility for them, and to disclose the results in a transparent manner. It also includes the responsibility for money or any other entrusted property.

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In simple words:

- Being willing to explain one's actions.
- Being open, unguarded, and non-defensive. about one's motives.
- Answering for one's life.
- Supplying the reason(s) why.

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- According to Dr. Charles Swindoll, one has to have the following characteristics in order to be an accountable person.
- Vulnerability, teachability, honesty and availability.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNTABILITY

- We are accountable to God. Romans 14:10-12, Matthew 12:36; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10.
- We are accountable to our spouse. Genesis 2:24-25; Ephesians 5:22-31 and 1 Peter 3:1-7
- We are accountable to our spiritual leaders. Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Corinthians 16:15-16

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- We are accountable to each other in the body of Christ. Romans 15:1-2; Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Peter 5:5 and Hebrews 10:19-24.

BENEFITS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

- We will be able to fight the enemy and his schemes as we spend time with God in prayer and study his word together. We have a powerful enemy who uses the world system and our fleshly desires to tempt us. 1 Peter 5:8-9; James 1:13-15 and 1 John 2:15-17.
- We can prevent many spiritual accidents. Proverbs 13:10,20;15:32;27:9 and 27:19

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- It will not let us get away with sinful acts. Proverbs 27:6; Galatians 2:11-12 and 1 Samuel 15:16-23
- It will help us to sharpen our skills and grow in our spiritual life. Proverbs 27:17
- It will help us encourage each other and prevent us from burn-out, as well as manage stress. Hebrews 10:19-25

HOW TO DO ACCOUNTABILITY

- Study God's Word together and discuss how it applies. James 1:22
- Share concerns and pray for each other. Ephesians 6:18
- Strive to make the best use of time with God and each other. Ephesians 5:15-16

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- Share how each person is doing in regards to trials, temptations and the spiritual disciplines. Proverbs 27:17
- Spur each other towards love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24
- Memorize and review scripture memory verses together. Psalms 119:9-11

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- Ask each other revealing questions that help expose heart issues. 1 Samuel 16:7
- Do not be too strict like Diotrephes. 3 John 9-11
- Do not be too lenient. 1 Corinthians 5:1-3

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- If you are not spiritually accountable to somebody, then prayerfully find some Godly person in the church to whom you can be accountable to, in order to grow in your spiritual life.
- Look for the following qualities in that person:

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- Should be confidential.
- Honest
- Authentic
- Objective
- Godly
- Available and Loyal

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- Meet with the person or the group on a regular basis.
- Be vulnerable
- Be teachable
- Be available and
- Be honest.

CONCLUSION

- In order to grow in our spiritual life, defeat the enemy, avoid spiritual pitfalls, prevent burn-outs, and manage stress effectively, we should be accountable to God and some Godly people in the body of Christ.
- We should meet with them to pray, study, encourage and share our struggles and victories.