

We will each have to give account of our life before God when it is time. God will hold us accountable and He knows everything that we do. Nothing is hid from God. We are to study God's Word in order for the Word to open our eyes to new teachings from the Lord. The Word and Holy Spirit will identify our sin and speak to us about how we need to repent and become more like Christ. We need to respond to God's teachings. We also need the support of other people in the body of Christ to share our struggles, hurts, sins, and be able to trust in that person(s) for prayer, wisdom, and unconditional love.

- Heb 4:12-13 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.
- Heb 4:15-16 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Rom 14:12-13 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.
- Matt 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- James 5:16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Discussion Item 1: *Are you accountable to another person in your walk with God?*

Discussion Item 2: *How have you felt the prayers of another person as a result of sharing your needs with that person?*

Life Application: *Share a new area with your 'accountability person' that will further your progress with God.*

Helpful Definition:

confess - To disclose (something damaging or inconvenient to oneself); admit. To acknowledge belief or faith in; profess. To make know (one's sins) to God. (*Webster*)

Notes:

Proverb 16:21 The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

Psalms 36:10 Oh, continue Your loving kindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.