

## I am my brother's keeper

### **Genesis 4:9-10**

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's

keeper?" He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground



### **Introduction**

As growing Christians, we all need to be Accountable to God. Being accountable means that all that we do, we are answerable to God for it. In our Christian walk, we must also be accountable to one another of our own spiritual walk. People often say that, what I do is nobody else's business, but in Christianity, what we do and say and act on is everybody else's business because Christ called us to be a light for all (Mat 5:14-16). Someone made famous the slang, only God can judge me, that's true but the Word of God creates the standards of which our actions are judged by. That is why accountability is important and that is why we must understand that we are our brother's and sister's keepers.

### **1. Accountable to God**

**Romans 14:12** - For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL

BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

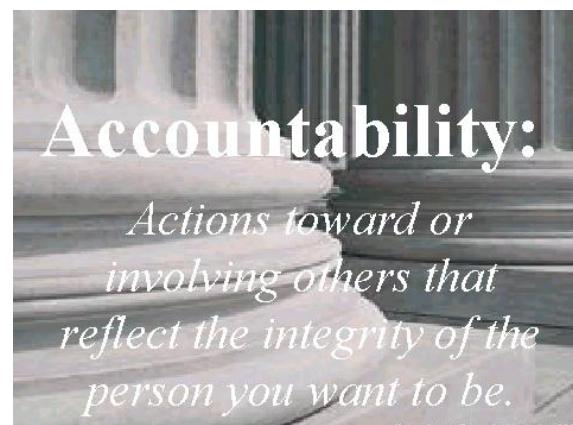
### **Ecclesiastes 11:9**

Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things.

### **2. Accountable for one another**

#### **Galatians 6:1-5**

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfil the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself



- **Have an Accountability Partner (My Brother/Sister's Keeper)**

This must be the person or persons that you can pray with, share your weaknesses and struggles with, encourage each other, rebuke each other and keep building each other. Pray about an accountable partner; don't just share openly with everyone if you don't have to. Be careful that you

do not cast your pearls before swine (Matthew 7:6 - "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.")

### **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow

- **Confess your faults to one another – don't hide your sins**

### **James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.



### **Matthew 18:15-17**

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

- **Your Brother/Sister's Keeper will sharpen you**

### **Proverbs 27:17**

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.



- **Your Brother/Sister's Keeper will build and encourage you**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:11-14**

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another

### **Galatians 6:2**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

- **Your Brother/Sister's Keeper must be someone strong in the Word**

### **Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

#### **Conclusion**

We all need a Brother or a Sister to which we are accountable to. First we are accountable to God. That's the starting point. Then we must be accountable to one another. Pray for a Brother or Sister in the Lord to be your Accountable partner and together, let's be accountable to God and to one another in our Christian walk. God bless you