A Christian's Accountability

Galatians 6:1-5

* The quality or state of being accountable, especially: an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions.

* We are responsible for what we do. We can't blame anyone else for our actions; each and every one of us must stand before God and give an account for what we do. Sister can't blame Brother, Brother can't blame Sister, Husband can't blame Wife, Wife can't blame her husband and a Child can't blame the Parents. If it's something he or she has done themselves. We need to stop blaming others for what we are doing ourselves. Quit pointing fingers. Every time we point one we have three pointing back.

1. Galatians 6:1-5

A. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, <u>ye which are spiritual restore</u> such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. <u>But let every man prove his own work</u>, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. <u>For every man shall bear his own burden</u>.

B. Brothers and Sisters, a person in your group might do something wrong. You people who are spiritual should go to the person who is sinning. You should help to make him right again. You should do this in a gentle way. But be careful! You might be tempted to sin, too. Help each other with your troubles. When you do this, you truly obey the law of Christ. If a person thinks that he is important when he is really not important, he is only fooling himself. <u>A person should not compare himself with other people</u>. Each person should judge his own actions. Then he can be proud for what he himself has done. Each person must accept his own responsibility.

2. Romans 14:12

A. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God

B. So each of us will have to explain to God about the things we do

3. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

- A. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- B. So encourage each other and make each other stronger in faith, and you are doing that now.

* See we will be held accountable for not doing these things

4. James 5:16

A. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

B. Always tell each other the wrong things you have done. Then pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you, when a good person prays hard, great things happen.

5. Hebrews 4:13

A. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

B. Nothing in all the world can be hidden from God. He can clearly see all things. Everything is open before him. And to him we must explain the way we have lived.

*We are accountable for what we do whether good or bad

6. Matthew 12:36-37

A. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by the words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

B. And I tell you that people will have to explain about every careless thing they have said. This will happen on the Day of Judgment. The words you have said will be used to judge you. Some of your words will make you right, but some of your words will make you guilty.

7. Luke 17:3

A. Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

B. So be careful! If your brother sins, tell him he is wrong. If he is sorry and stops sinning, forgive him.

8. James 4:17

A. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

B. And when a person knows how to do good, but does not do good, then he is sinning.

* We will be held accountable for our actions

9. Proverbs 20:11

A. Even a child is known is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right

B. Even a child shows that he is good or bad by the things he does. You can watch that child and know if he is honest and good.

10. Ezekiel 18:20

A. The soul that sinneth , it shall die . The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

B. The person that sins is the person that will be put to death! A son won't be punished for his father's sins. And a father won't be punished for his son's sins. A good man's goodness belongs to him alone. And a bad man's evil belongs to him alone.

*When the time comes, we will have to stand for ourselves. And will not be able to blame anyone else for what we have done in this world.

*Hope today I have said something that will help each and every one of us on this Christian journey

There are five things we must do to become a Christian

Hear the word, Believe what you have heard, Repent, Confess and be Baptized

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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