

Leading and Following in the Church, pt 4

Authority and Accountability

The Necessity of Authority

The Nature of Spiritual Authority

What is Accountability?

The GREAT ESCAPE of Accountability

The Necessity of Accountability

Because authority can be misused and _____
(Lu 16:1-2; Mt 12:35-37; Lu 9:10; Heb 13:17)

Biblically, we are first and foremost accountable to _____
(Rom 3:19-20; 1 Pe 4:3-5; Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 1:12-15)

In the care and feeding of the Bride, we are also accountable to those with whom we shepherd and serve

Because _____qualified (1 Tim 3; Titus 1)

Because of community _____ (Jn 13:35)

For own wellbeing

So others will _____God (1 Tim 5:19-20)

For care & feeding of bride (1 Tim 5:21-22)

Principles for biblical accountability

1. There is a biblical _____for SIN (Mt 18:15-20)
Steps
Sequential
Seek a work of God
Prayerful
2. Biblical goal = _____ (Gal 6:1-2)
Goal: restoration
Manner: gentle confrontation with humility
Mindset: bearing burdens
3. Important enough to preempt _____! (Matthew 5:23-24)
4. Specific _____for leaders (elders) (1 Tim 5:19-20)
5. Deal with _____, not personal preferences
6. What you don't do:
Gossip
Cultivate division & dissention
Attack their family or friends