

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
CLASS 6
ACCOUNTABILITY

What is accountability?

Accountable - subject to the obligation to report, explain, or justify something; responsible; answerable.

While the word *accountability* does not appear in the King James Version of the Bible, the word *account* appears six times in the Old Testament and 11 times in the New Testament. For the purpose of this class, we will focus on the New Testament occurrences of the word.

G3056

logos

log'-os

From [G3004](#); something *said* (including the *thought*); by implication a *topic* (subject of discourse), also *reasoning* (the mental faculty) or *motive*; by extension a *computation*; specifically (with the article in John) the *Divine Expression* (that is, *Christ*):—account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work

Matt. 12:36 **The word idle in this verse means inactive, unemployed, lazy, or useless.**

Matt. 18:23 **The king takes account, the servant gives an account.**

Luke 16:2

Acts 19:40 **The townclerk knew that he had to answer to a higher government regarding the purpose of the assembly.**

Rom. 14:12

Phil. 4:17 **Paul desired that the Philippians would be able to speak of their good works when it came time for them to give an account of their actions.**

Heb. 13:17

1 Pet. 4:5

G1677

ellogēō

el-log-eh'-o

From [G1722](#) and [G3056](#) (in the sense of *account*); to *reckon in*, that is, *attribute*:—impute, put on account.

Philemon 18

G3049

logizomai

log-id'-zom-ahee

Middle voice from [G3056](#); to *take an inventory*, that is, *estimate* (literally or figuratively):—conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

1 Cor. 4:1

G2233

hēgeomai

hayg-eh'-om-ahee

Middle voice of a (presumed) strengthened form of [G71](#); to *lead*, that is, *command* (with official authority); figuratively to *deem*, that is, *consider*:—account, (be) chief, count, esteem, governor, judge, have the rule over, suppose, think.

2 Pet. 3:15 (KJV) And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Accountability is not a negative word. In the Kingdom of God, accountability is essential so that the body of Christ can progress. We are accountable on the earth in many ways: to employers, to governments, to teachers, to organizations, and in many other ways. What is it, then, that makes us apprehensive about being accountable to others in the body of Christ?

- Pride
- Fear
- Selfishness
- Witchcraft

We drive out these spirits when we become accountable. The person who says “I am accountable to no one but God” is accountable to no one, including God. Accountability affirms that another person has entry to speak into the person’s life for that person’s spiritual progression, growth, and maturity. Being willing to be accountable to someone also indicates a level of humility.

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