

“PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY”

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I. FOR WHAT IS THOUGHT
A. MATT. 5:28

II. FOR WHAT IS SAID
A. MATT. 12:36

III. FOR WHAT IS DONE
A. II COR. 5:10

IV. FOR WHAT IS OWED
A. II COR. 9:6-8

V. FOR WHAT CAN BE DONE
A. JAMES 2:20-24

VI. FOR WHAT IS KNOWN
A. JAMES 4:17

CONCLUSION: “Accountability” is not a Bible word but an abstract term for that return for his talents and opportunities that every soul must make to God day by day, and especially at the judgment, as we are taught in Romans 3:19; 14:12; and I Peter 4:5. It is a well-established doctrine of Holy Scripture, validated by human consciousness, that we are free moral agents, entirely dependent upon our Creator for our existence and livelihood, and rightly answerable to Him for our behavior; and that God consequently has a right to our perfect obedience and service. It is accordingly easy for us to feel that He is justified in calling us to a strict reckoning for all He has entrusted us with. Disabled by our fall into sin, gracious strength has been provided for us in the atonement, so that we are without excuse if we fail to do God’s will.