

The Voice

DAYSPRING CHRISTIAN CENTER

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I Am My Brother's & Sister's Keeper

by Kesha Griffin

If you're anything like me, as a child you looked forward to being an adult, so you could escape the unreasonable, killjoy, parental "rules" that seemingly robbed you from living a fun-filled teenage life. You eagerly awaited your day of freedom, where you could say the words, "I'm grown" to your parents; no longer being bound by their early curfews or accountable to them. However, even as adults, we'll always be accountable to someone; a spouse, boss, professor, police/government, etc.

For the Christian we are also accountable to church members/Christian friends (Prov 27:17; Matt 18:15-17; Heb 10:24-25) and our Pastor/leaders (Heb 13:17; I Thess 5:11-14) But like rebellious teenagers, we find ourselves often trying to escape accountability to anyone. Some of us refuse to go to church, or serve in ministry so that we can come and go as we please without having to account for ourselves. Unfortunately this mind-set is dangerous to our Christian walk, and is unbiblical.

Scripture teaches there are many benefits for the believer who willingly submits to the accountability of another, here are two;

#1- Deliverance from Sin- It is through our fellowship with and the prayers of spiritually mature Christians that can lead us back to a restored relationship with God if we've fallen into sin. (Gal 6:1-2; James 5:20; Matt 7:1-5)

#2- Protection from Satan- At times our sinful desires and emotional involvement in a particular situation, can blind us from the traps of Satan. The warnings of Christian friends, leaders, or our Pastor, will prevent us from making a bad decision that will devastate our lives or have us walking on a path away from God. (Ezk 3:21; Luke 22:31-32)

Relationships/friendships built on the Word can help us become spiritually mature Christians. We are not to be self-sufficient, lone-rangers in our Christian journey, but rather embrace the love of each other through the teaching, correction, warning, or rebuke of a trusted follower of Christ. May we humble ourselves and submit one to another, knowing that we all will give account for our deeds before God. (Rom 14:12)

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy"
Proverbs 27:6 (NASB)

"Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17 (NASB)

Mark Your Calendar

***Saturday, 10.18.14 @ 3pm**
W.O.W. (Women of the Word)
Ministry Fellowship

***Sunday, 10.26.14 @ 3pm**
Baptism

***Tuesday, 11.18.14 @ 7pm**
International Thanksgiving Potluck

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. False. God urges us to be patient with everyone, even if they don't respond to our encouragement.
2. Quick. Slow. Slow (James 1:19)
3. False. There are many scriptures that make it clear that ALL PEOPLE (Rom 14:12) will be judged by God and held accountable for their good/evil deeds (2 Cor 5:10) and for their careless words (Matt 12:36-37).

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> **SATURDAY, 10/18 @ 3pm-5:30 pm**...Join the WOW Ministry's monthly ladies-only fellowship for ages 18 & up. Please RSVP by 10.14.14 and get the location details, by contacting Tinaya Hughes at 562.208.5023.

> **SUNDAY, 10/26 @ 3pm**... Come witness, support and celebrate the Baptism of our DaySpring members. Food will be served immediately following 11am service.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers found under the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page 1.

1. **True/False.** According to 1 Thess 5:11-14, God permits us to be impatient with fellow brethren if they don't respond to our advice or words of encouragement.
2. **Fill in the blank.** When someone falls into sin Galatians 6 tells us to restore gently, part of being gentle includes what James 1 says that we should be ____ to listen, ____ to speak and ____ to become angry.
3. **True/False.** Church-attending believers in Christ, who show lots of love and help each other, are free from being held accountable to God as long as they continue doing good deeds and confessing when they sin.

~Scripture Memory Verse~

"So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God" Romans 14:12 (NASB)

DaySpring Christian Center Member Spotlight

Hi Family. I hope everyone is doing well. This month's theme is accountability. This word holds a lot of meaning. We are all to take accountability for our sins. I am just glad that Jesus is on our side when that judgment day comes!!! This month's spotlighted member is Ki Hughes. Let's hear his take on accountability.



When I think back over my 3+ years with DaySpring, I can't help but think about God's mercy and continued grace He's shown to me everyday of this journey. It's weird how you think your life is supposed to go and how good of a person you are until you're really confronted with yourself and you take stock of how horrible of a person I (we) really are. I have been impacted on a daily basis to uphold the standards of true biblical living and honoring God. DaySpring has given me a concrete godly vision that keeps me accountable to God, my brothers and sisters in Christ and to my family. Without the rich, authentic teaching of the Word of God, I wouldn't care, let alone try, to correct my behavior and conduct myself as one who is grateful to continuously be in the King's presence. One thing I think about and maybe we all should, if you attend this church as a member, come regularly, or enjoy the message of the Word in this place, what has God's Word and the knowledge you've gained made you recognize about yourself and what you should change because God is looking? Better yet what has been the effect, if any, on your life since coming to DaySpring? Are you the new creation His Word talks about or do you have a different father you're pleasing???? **By Ki Hughes**

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