

SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Scripture: I Corinthians 4:2
Ephesians 4:1
Romans 14:12

Introduction

As the church approaches the second coming of our Lord a sense of urgency should be upon each of us. It is expedient that every Christian and particularly those in positions of leadership should be responsible to the Lord. There are three things which go together to make up a responsible Christian: (1) Faithfulness; (2) Worthiness; (3) Accountability.

I. Faithfulness

- A. Simply means fulfilling every commandment for your life
 - 1. Salvation and Holy Spirit
 - 2. Personal soul winning
 - 3. Finances
 - 4. Church obligations
- B. Paul a good example of one who was faithful
 - 1. One desire--to present Christ to all
 - 2. His life was Christ

For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

II. Worthiness

- A. Worthiness means living your life above reproach
- B. Can only be accomplished by living in Christ

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- C. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

III. Accountability

- A. Readiness to be judged
B. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:12

Who will render to every man according to his deeds.....

For there is no respect of persons with God.

Romans 2:6, 11

It is possible to be faithfull or responsible to the church without being responsible to God. Be responsible to God in all areas of your life and you will be responsible to not only the church, but also the community and your fellow man.