

## Accountability

“And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward”. Luke 16:2.

The meaning of the Greek word has a somewhat extended meaning. Thus, the verse above extends far beyond the steward of our Lord's times, through to the time of the Rapture.

The base meaning, as in the verse above, covers the management of a household and it's affairs.

In it's wider meaning it is applied to a dispensation – the Dispensation of Grace, which, metaphorically speaking includes all Christians since the time of our Lord's Resurrection until the present time.

A steward is there to look after his Master's affairs, and to ensure that there is an increase in what we have been offered, not a decrease.

Many Christians, although professing to be close to God, are frequently missing from most of the church's activities.

Many devout Christians do not associate the Church as,

“...the household of faith”, Galatians 6:10,

“...And the Spirit and the bride say, Come”, Revelation 22:17

However, because 'devout Christians' have failed to honour their accountability, many weaker Christians have deserted the church.

Please consider the following very carefully. Read what the Lord has to say about those who have been lax with their accountability.

“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal”, Matthew 25:31–34, 41 and 46

Jesus is coming back, and He will be judging how you dealt with what was placed in your control.

The sheep know the shepherd's voice. It is a voice that they have learnt to trust. Thus, the command "Follow Me", and that was what they did – follow Him.

"To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice", John 10:3–4.

Unlike sheep, goats are wanderers.

Sheep will stay together, with the ewes watching the lambs.

Goats will wander all over the open land, with the does doing their thing, and the kid doing their own thing.

Thus the maternal instinct found in sheep, is very close to non-existent in the does.

The sheep therefore, are more inclined to stand around, and await the shepherd's call. Whereas goats will go their own way, and not worry about the shepherd.

Devout Christians – sheep – will endeavour to follow the shepherd's instructions.

Nominal Christians – goats – will lean more to the attitude of "I'll do it my way.