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Let's Review from last week



- 1. I must learn to trust in my Lord.**
- 2. I must learn to love God more than myself.**
- 3. I must learn to express gratitude.**
- 4. I must learn to be generous.**
- 5. I must learn not love money.**
- 6. I must see contentment as a virtue worthy of pursuit.**
- 7. I must learn to pray more. Without prayer I may lose hope.**
- 8. I must learn to take control of my thought life.**
- 9. I must learn that contentment is possible through Christ.**



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An Account to Give an Account

Philippians 4:14-19



¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



Philippians 4:14



- Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble [hardship].

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**How did they
share in Paul's
trouble?**



Philippians 4:15 (ESV)



- And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

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**We are talking
about \$**



**Are you shutting
down?**

**Are you turning off
the preacher now?**



Matthew 6:21

- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

If you are shutting down—ask yourself where your treasure is?



Philippians 4:16



- **Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.**

**Another Commendation
for Giving!**



v. 17 is the lynch pin

Philippians 4:17



- **Not because I desire a gift:**
- **but I desire fruit that
may abound to your
account.**

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**Think about all the
implications of the
words**

“to your account.”



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#1

**There must a Divine
Entity—God—keeping
track.**



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#2

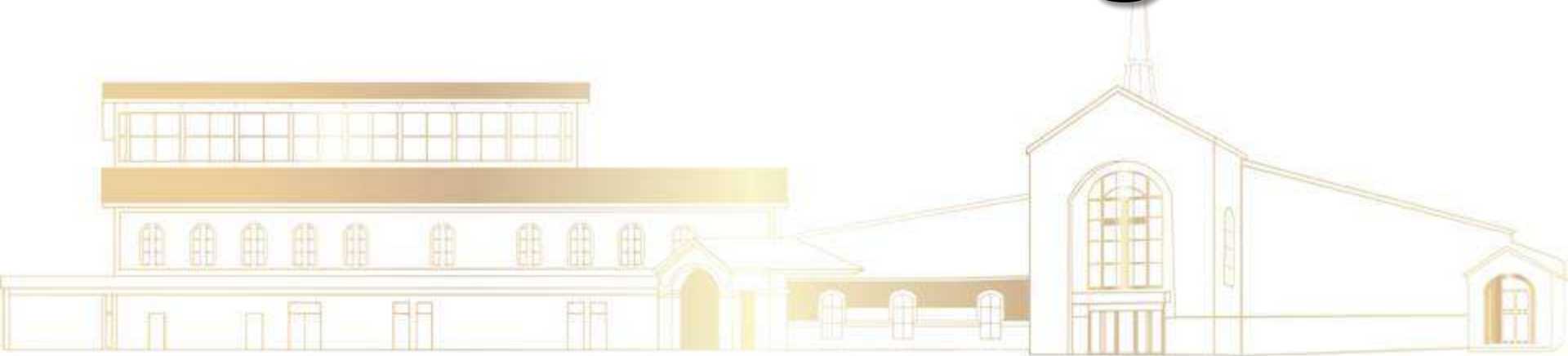
**There must be an
afterlife.**



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#3

**There must be a day
of reckoning.**



Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

- And just as it is appointed for man to die once,
- and after that comes judgment,



#4

**There must be both
reward and loss
thereof.**



2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)

- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, **whether good or evil.**



Philippians 4:17



- **Not because I desire a gift:**
- **but I desire fruit that
may abound to your
account.**

I called v. 17 the lynch pin because all that Paul is saying and all that I will encourage you toward is based on v. 17.

- If you don't believe there is a God**
- If you don't believe there will be a day of reckoning**
- If you don't believe you have an account**
- If you don't care about reward and punishment in the afterlife**

I have nothing for you this morning.



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Turn to Matthew 12:36



Matthew 12:36

Jesus said:

- But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, **they shall give account** thereof in the day of judgment.



Without a day of accountability, nothing about life and in particular the Christian life makes sense.

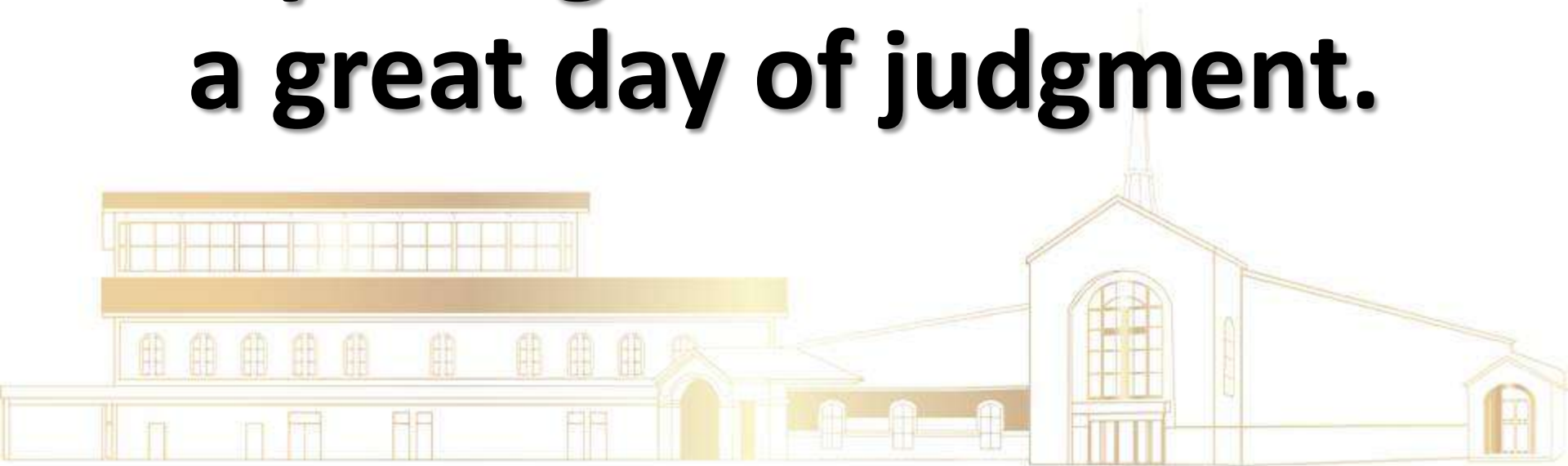
Without accountability, is there any point to life— isn't it just eat, drink & be merry!?

Without accountability, we ask why was Christ crucified for the sins of the whole world?

Little makes sense without accountability!



**The NT teaches everyone
has an account for which
they will give an account on
a great day of judgment.**



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Turn to Luke 12:48



Luke 12:48

- But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating.

Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.



Do you see it?

**Do you understand the principle
of accountability in the
statement “to whom much is
given much is required”?**



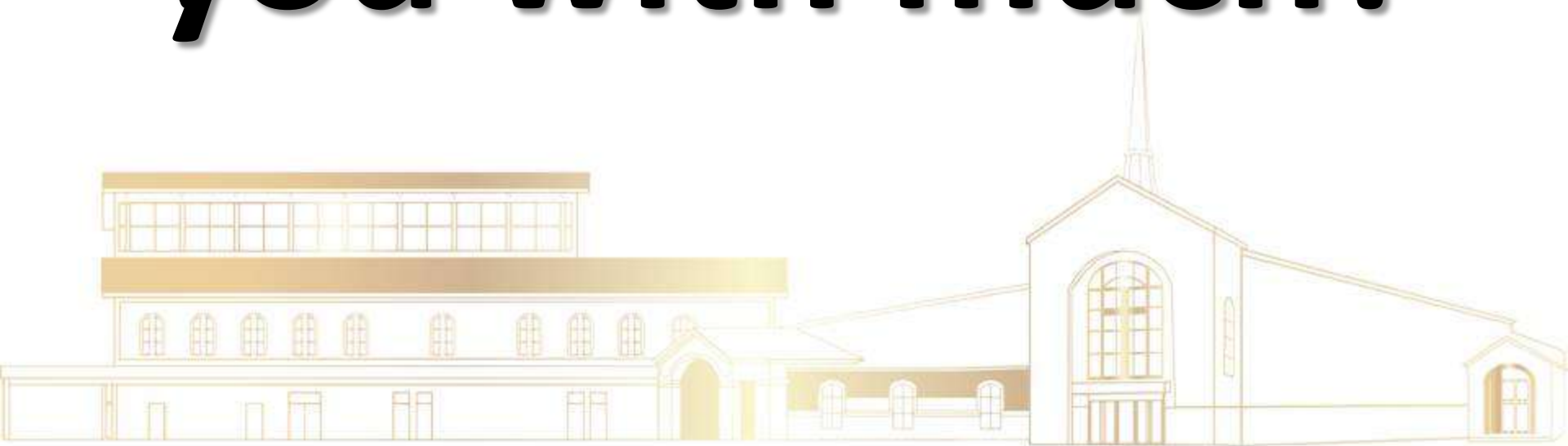
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**Can God entrust
you with much?**



Romans 14:12 (ESV)

- So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Don't let anyone convince you that accountability is only for unbelievers.



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Look @ Paul's Pure motive in v. 17



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Look Back @ v. 15



Philippians 4:15



- And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

Paul describes those who gave financially to him as partners in the gospel work he was called to do.

As partners they could expect to participate, by extension, in the rewards Paul would receive for his work in the global advancement of the gospel.



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- **Camp Anchorage**
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- **Evangelism from the pulpit**
- **Discipleship in adult ministries**
- **Discipleship from the pulpit & classroom**
- **Youth and Student Discipleship**
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- **Counseling**
- **Blueletterbible.org**



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**Giving results in
credit to your
account.**



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Turn to Luke 12:33



Luke 12:33

- Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. **Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail,** where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.



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Look Back

Luke 12:21



Luke 12:19-21

- And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”¹⁹ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ **So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”**



In this particular case this credit to your account is from giving away \$ but it is NOT limited to cash. The trinity of giving is:

- Time**
- Talent**
- Treasure**





Use your time or talents to build a church.





This is sister Lacey Crime using her incredible talent for her church.





**Before
&
After**





Donate a rug for our nursery rooms.





Volunteer your time at a Christian conference.







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Next Look

v. 18



Philippians 4:18



- I have received full payment, and more.
- I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

**Notice how Paul describes
their financial gift to him as a
*“fragrant offering, a sacrifice
acceptable and pleasing to
God.”***

**Will you give anything to God
this week or this month?**

Or, is it all for you?





The amount you give in proportion to your incomes determines how much of a sacrifice you are making.

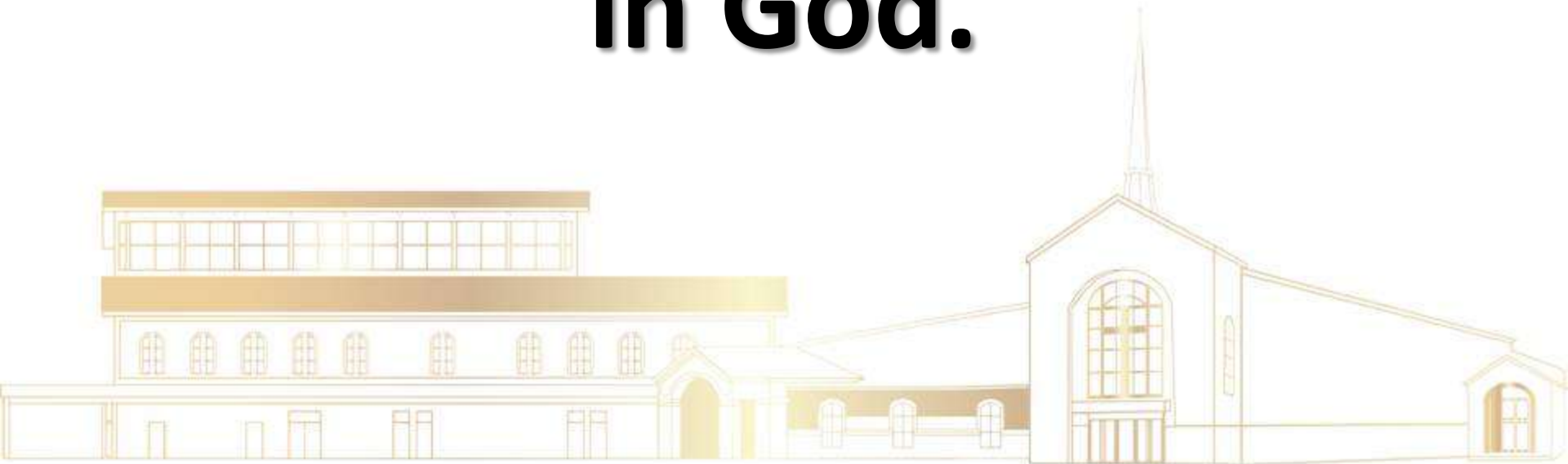


**But you say I don't
make enough to give!**
**God knows your
situation—He knows
if that is really true.**



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**Giving \$ tangibly
demonstrates our faith
in God.**



Malachi 3:10

- Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby **put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts,** if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.



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Look @
v. 19



Philippians 4:19



- But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

If you didn't believe in a God who will supply all your needs then it would not make sense to give away money.

Instead, one should save and invest exclusively until their resources are sufficient to care for all their needs all the days of their life.

