

Definition: the quality or state of being accountable; especially: an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions

1. Who is the one person that holds you accountable on the job, at home?
2. How do you hold others accountable?
3. Is it hard or easy to be accountable?

Fire Pit Discussion

1. HERE in the United States, we value individuality almost too much. Men, especially, fall hard for this line. We are self-sufficient. We want to stand on our own two feet. We can do it on our own. We even apply the idea to our experience of faith, saying, "It's a private matter. This is between me and God." Christian faith, however, finds its strongest expression in community. Jesus invested himself in relationship with a small group of followers, and he expects us, his disciples, to support one another.
2. References:
 - Philippians 2:1-2 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, . . . comfort from his love . . . fellowship with the Spirit . . . tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.
 - Ephesians 4:15 Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.
3. How do expectations govern the way we hold others accountable?
4. Why is it hard emotionally when others hold us up to certain standards?
5. What are some ways we teach others that help is a good thing?