

## ACCOUNTABILITY #1

As parents, we try to teach our children as young as possible that actions have consequences and each one of us is responsible for our own actions. We warn them against making bad choices that can only produce negative results. On the other hand we do our best to motivate them to worthwhile endeavors that will be beneficial to them and others as well. We want them to have an appropriate pride in their accomplishments and to enjoy what comes from doing good. At the same time they must firmly believe they're accountable for any wrong they do, so that they will admit their mistakes and deal with them properly.

Our heavenly Father expects the same thing from all of His spiritual children as well. Paul says this in 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

God has given us the ideal standard for life in the Bible and the perfect example to follow in Jesus Christ His Son. He has also sufficiently warned us that our actions in our physical bodies will determine the consequences of our spiritual existence in eternity. So it is our responsibility to assure a recompense of eternal reward then by a life of righteous deeds now.