

# AMEN

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MEN

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**Priority #1**

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## **Accountable for time in God’s Word!**

**Read:** Romans 8: 18-30 and write out an Attitude to Change, a Command to Obey, a Truth to Believe, or a Sin to Confess.

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## **Accountable for Learning Together!**

**Weekly Lesson:** “Priority #1”

Time isn’t just valuable, it’s priceless! Every second of our lives we either use it or it passes us by. Why then, is it so easy to ignore that statement? Why don’t we prioritize our lives in a way that honors God and leaves us daily fulfilled with what we’ve accomplished?

God wants us to live our lives with purpose and direction. Ephesians 5: 15-17 states *“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* God created time and put it in motion. He also created and gave us mortal bodies which at times leads me to believe there was a purpose behind it; that we wouldn’t disengage without care or concern about the moment we are living in or what we are doing with it. We are not intended to wonder without direction or concern but instead march forward looking for every opportunity to accomplish whatever it is that God wants from you at that moment.

Before we worry about other priorities in life we have to worry about the most important which is our relationship with God. Matthew 6:33 states *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”*. Let me be straight forward....I’m calling us out right now! How much time do you spend in God’s word every day, or on your knees talking to God? Does it reflect your desire to let Him know He’s at the top of your list every day? If it doesn’t then let’s all use this as a wake up call to change this. God will use that time to bless us in so many ways that we can’t see. It’s not that He’s going to throw a million dollars your way but I guarantee you’ll experience more of the fruits of the Spirit and we can all use that!

We’ll always be pulled in different directions but we have to fight the urge not to spend time with God. Honestly, as I type this I’m pulled to do 50 other things. Yet, I hope that this helps each of us to spend a little more time with God this week and if it does then I know my time was better spent caring about His desire over my own. While reading for this lesson I came across a quote by Kent Crockett about buttons which seemed to outline this pretty well. *“If we get the top button of a shirt buttoned wrong, all of the other buttons will also be off. The top button in life is to love God. The second button is to love people. Do that and every other button in life will fall into place. But the moment we stop loving God, we start loving ourselves. And then we get all the buttons messed up.”*

Something tells me that we all know how to get those buttons mixed up....

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1) How much time do you typically spend with God on a daily basis?
- 2) What excuses do you tell yourself to keep from spending more time with God?
- 3) What specifically do you prioritize ahead of your time with God?
- 4) When you put God first, what part of your life do you notice the biggest change/difference?

### **Accountable to Each Other**

*Use the following questions as a guide to help you stay accountable to each other in the coming week:*

- Have you been in an environment you feel was wrong or convicting?
- Have you watched a television show or movie you feel was wrong or convicting?
- Are you living more as a worldly example or Godly example to others?
- How are those eyes doing?