

...bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...

**Colossians 1:10**

## Store In My Heart

### 1Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

The only way God can help us is if we let Him. We must admit our weakness and allow Him to help us bear our burdens.

Humility has always been a requirement for the people of God. Unless we are willing to accept that we are not able to save our own selves we are not ready to accept that God knows best. Our own feeble actions cannot bring us up from the depths of sin. We must let God lift us from those depths.

If we are to ever find relief from the difficulties of this life, we must understand our need for God and His desire to help us. Like a parent to a child, God desires what is best for us. But like that same child, we must let Him guide us to peace. Any honor will come in His time.



# 5 Bullet Points

Dan Henderson

Social and mainstream media outlets were filled with complaints and praise for an email sent to government employees last weekend. It only contained a few sentences, but it ignited a firestorm of analysis. What did it contain? A request for 5 bullet points to show what the employee accomplished the week before.

Now, as the old saying goes, "I got no dog in this hunt." I am not political, though I do have my thoughts about politics. But I am more than willing to use current events or headlines to teach a lesson from God's Word. Jesus used farming, taxes, tithing, and many other events to teach lessons to His disciples. I think this is a perfect opportunity to talk about accountability.

We love when others are held accountable, but how do I like being held accountable myself? We are more than willing to "hold their feet to the fire" unless those feet are our own. Most of the ruckus I noticed was from those who were being asked to show what they had done on their job. Of course there was a good deal of rebuke for such attitudes.

## Can I list 5 things I accomplished last week?

From the beginning God has held man accountable for his actions. In **Genesis 3:8-13** God ask the man, Adam, "*Where are you?*", "*Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?*" Adam's answer demonstrated a reluctance to be held accountable, it was the woman's fault, he cried. The woman blamed the serpent, but each was held accountable for their own action. As Christians we should always be ready to give an account of our accomplishments for God.

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

**Romans 4:12**

Job strongly desired an opportunity to give an account to the Almighty so that he might understand his plight.

*"Oh, that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary! Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me as a crown; I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him."* **Job 31:35-37**

The Hebrew writer reminds us that we will be held accountable for how we work with our brethren. Leaders are especially called out for accountability.

*"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."* **Hebrews 13:17**

Paul directly instructed the brethren in Corinth to take a close look at their lives and actions, their character and attitudes, and their relationship with one another. In other words, he wanted them to show what they were doing in the service of God. He even went so far as to indicate they should examine his own actions.

*"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test."* **2Corinthians 13:5-6**

So, why don't we take a little time this week to hold self accountable before God. Go ahead and make a list of the spiritual things you did last week. Maybe even, shock & horror, show it to someone you love. This can help us remain focused on serving God faithfully. We have a duty to work in His kingdom. Study Carefully, Apply Diligently.

**My 5 Bullet Points?** -- Read Numbers, Mark, 1&2 Peter, & Jude; Waiting room sitting; Tree transplanting; Bible Study - sermon & classes; Wrote this article; Prayer

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

## For Our Information

### Spring Forward Next Weekend, March 9

**Gloria Hurst** had a relapse and a rough week.

**Vickie McNeas** is dealing with a cold type virus.

**Malcolm Rigsby** is wearing a heart monitor for 30 days.

**Marla Rigsby** is still dealing with a foot infection.

**Jim Soliday** is doing well in his recovery.

**Sue Soliday** is still dealing with problems from her Bells Palsy.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 3:16** Wednesday – **John 18**

**Gospel Meeting – April 27-May 1 – Alan Blaylock**