

# **Am I My Brother's Keeper?**

## ***Week 1: Who is My Brother?***

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### **The Bible is full of brothers.**

Very often when the word brother appears in the Bible it is the Greek word *adelphos*. It literally means “*of the same womb*”.

- It can indicate actual siblings. (*Mark 6:3*)
- There are cases where it indicates close family members, (*Genesis 14:14*)
- It also is used to explain the close connections of believers in Christ. (*Matthew 12:46-50*)
- This family language also indicates how we should treat each other. (*1 John 3:11-16*)

**We have a responsibility to each other.**

**This is a condition we call ACCOUNTABILITY.**

***It all started with the first brothers.*** (*Genesis 4*)

1. **Birth always brings HOPE for the future.** (*Genesis 3:15*).
2. **The problem with Cain's offering was his HEART.**  
(*Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12*)
3. **God INTERVENES.**

**Our culture elevates INDEPENDENCE as a virtue.**

***Where do we stray when we live that way?***

***What led to Cain's fate?*** **Unwillingness to live an EXAMINED LIFE.**

***We all have two YOUs: The “visible” YOU and the “real” YOU.***

- **The visible YOU is the one known by OTHERS.**
- **But the real YOU is who you are on the INSIDE.**  
This is the YOU that is known by GOD.

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**God does not applaud INDIVIDUALISM;  
He designed us for ACCOUNTABILITY.**

Christian accountability is:

- (1) Christ-oriented
- (2) Reciprocal
- (3) Personal

***Today will you consider the benefits of an examined life?***

- 1. It puts the ODDS in your favor.
- 2. It strengthens your will.
- 3. It lightens your BURDEN.
- 4. It encourages good stewardship.
- 5. It UNIFIES fellow believers.

**Don't be a Cain; don't reject accountability.**

***"Let's examine and probe our ways, and turn back to the Lord."***

***- Lamentations 3:40***