

TABOO THREE:

Return of the Elephant



REVIEW

- Disagreement is OK, come have a conversation
- Planned over a year ago
- Pester the Pastor returns

The 90s

- Accountability group fad
- Mostly men
- Mostly about porn
- Focus on our sin so we can defeat it
- What is accountability?



Accountability

- To give an account
- Not checking does not change facts
- Someday the bill will come due
- But what does the Bible say?



Romans 14:12

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



2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may **receive what is due** for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.



NOT Accountability

- Our account has been cleared!
- Self-Awareness
- Calling each other to be who we are already!



Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another. *(or the
face of his friend)



Hebrews 10:13

13 But **exhort one another every day**, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.



Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



1 Corinthians 10:12-13

12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands **take heed** lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not **common to man**. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



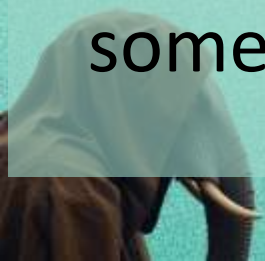
James 5:16

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.



Galatians 6:1-3

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should **restore him in a spirit of gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill **the law of Christ**. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.



Where do we find this?

- Church Community
- Small Groups
- Fight Clubs
- Friends



SO WHAT?

- Get involved
- Join a small group
- Find people who you can be honest with
- Find people who are willing to be honest with you



The Devil's Greatest Lie

You Can Do It!

TIME OF GIVING

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www.westmiddlebury.org, and on our Tithely app.

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available at both entrances.

2 Corinthians 9:7

