

The image features a group of business professionals in silhouette, standing on a high-rise floor with a glass railing. They are engaged in various activities like talking and looking at documents. The background shows a city skyline with a prominent skyscraper under a bright, hazy sky. The scene is reflected on the floor below. A yellow rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text 'Accounting and Accountability' in a bold, dark blue font.

Accounting and Accountability

Define your metrics.

“Know well the condition of your flocks, And pay attention to your herds.”

—Proverbs 27:23

- Identify the top 2-3 metrics that drive the success of your company.
- Establish a reporting frequency.

When is taking an inventory of our resources considered a sin, and when is it considered faithful stewardship?

*“Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to **number Israel.**”*

—1 Chronicles 21:1

*“**Take a census** of all the congregation of the sons of Israel ... whoever is able to go out to war in Israel.”*

—Numbers 1:2-3

- Stewardship vs. Vanity
 - David’s Accounting: Abhorred by God
 - Moses’ Accounting: Ordered by God

Choose advisors who understand how to make disciples in the marketplace.

“Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.”

—Proverbs 11:14

- A diet of business advice and guidance fed primarily by non-Christian thinkers will condition a person to believe that God is not relevant to his or her business.
- Trusted Christian business advisors: C12, Convene Now, FCCI
- Be vulnerable.

“The difficulty isn’t the advice they give; it’s the advice they don’t give, specifically, the lack of spiritual insight.”

—Larry Burkett (in *Business by the Book*)

Report honestly.

“You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

—Acts 5:1-11 (Ananias and Saphira)

“Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”

—Matthew 22:21b

“Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.”

—Romans 13:1

“... Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due ...”

—Romans 13:7