

# THE “BROTHER’S KEEPER” BIBLE STUDY

1. The concept of being our “brother’s keeper” is a biblical concept. These verses give us some foundations from the Bible regarding our responsibility toward others.
  - a. According to Genesis 4:8-11 what did Cain do to his brother Abel? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What was the question that God asked Cain? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did Cain answer God? \_\_\_\_\_  
Cain did not want to take responsibility for what he had done but what did God declare to him in verses 11-12? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. According to Malachi 2:7-9 how did the priests violate their responsibility toward other people? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was the consequence for violating this responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. According to Matthew 25:35-40 what responsibilities did people carry out for which they were commended by the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What does this tell us about our responsibility towards people? \_\_\_\_\_  
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According to verses 41-46 what will happen to those who refuse to be responsible for others and only think of themselves? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d. According to Luke 10:30-37 what was the right thing to do for the person who was in need? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was Jesus’ command regarding taking responsibility for people? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. There are several commands that deal directly with our responsibilities in other people’s lives.
  - a. According to Romans 15:1-3 what are two things that people are commanded to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who was the perfect example for us in this matter? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. According to 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 what should we seek when we are trying to decide if we can do something or not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Even though we may be free to do something, meaning that it is not offending God, what measure should we use to determine whether or not to do it? \_\_\_\_\_

- c. According to Philippians 2:4 what should we look to when we are making decisions about what to do or not to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. According to James 5:20 what is a responsibility we have toward our brother? \_\_\_\_\_  
What might happen if we take this responsibility to heart? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. According to 1 Peter 4:9 what will be required of us if we are going to take our responsibility toward our brother seriously? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Now we will consider what motivations are needed in order for us to be our “brother’s keeper”.

- a. According to Mark 9:41 what is the right motivation for taking responsibility to care for someone else? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. According to 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 what was the condition of the person that was speaking? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did he voluntarily do for other people? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was required of him to be able to do this? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why was he willing to do this for others? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. According to 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 what is the reason we should do anything for other people? \_\_\_\_\_  
What should we seek? \_\_\_\_\_  
What will be the end result if we seek the right thing rather than fulfilling our own desires? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. According to 2 Corinthians 6:3 what should we not do to other people? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why is this the case? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. According to Philippians 3:8 what is the greatest motivation for the things that we do? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Finally, we need to consider the consequences if we are not willing to put the interests of others ahead of our own.

- a. According to Matthew 23:13 what happens to people when we put obstacles in their way? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. According to Luke 17:1-3 what will happen to us if we cause others to sin instead of helping them? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. According to Romans 14:19-21 what should we be seeking for others? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happens if we do things without consideration of other people and how it will affect them? \_\_\_\_\_

