

## 01/23/16 - Reminder To The Family

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1 John 2:1-14

In 1 John 2, John begins by telling his readers that he is writing to them, "so that [they] might not sin" (v. 1). John thereby shows concern for their spiritual wellbeing. He also shows that they are in a discipleship type of relationship with him. Through this letter, John continues to teach and mentor the believers. In a real sense, they make themselves accountable to him spiritually.

Accountability is such a critical part of our spiritual walk. Sometimes we have blind spots in our spiritual development and we need each other to not only walk the journey of faith, but to point out our blind spots so we can grow. It is that group of individuals who become the closest members of our church family: The ones who lovingly guide the good, the bad, and the ugly without reservation. Why? Only then do we have the best chance to grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus.

I certainly want someone to come alongside me to say, "If you hate your brother, you are in darkness" (1 John 2:11).

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