

**Why You Should Have An Effective Accounting System**  
(Abbreviated Topical Outline)  
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- I. What is Accounting? (Ezra 8:24-36)**
- II. What Should be Accounted For? (Samples)**
  - A. Know the condition of your inventory (Prov. 27:23)**
    - 1. Wealth is not static**
    - 2. We must analyze our flocks**
    - 3. It takes diligence to keep on top of changes**
    - 4. This is a command**
  - B. Give an account of your labor (Prov. 24:30-34)**
  - C. Give an account for your time (Psalm 90:12)**
  - D. Account for your troops (Numb. 1, but see 1 Chron. 21; 27:24)**
  - E. Keep records on infectious diseases (Lev.)**
  - F. Keep accounts on groceries on hand (Prov. 21:20)**
  - G. Know your spiritual state ( Rev. 3:17-18; 1 Cor. 11:28; Gal. 6:4)**
- III. Reasons why we must have an accounting system**
  - A. We can't tithe accurately unless we know what our increase is (Deut. 14:22; Matt 23:23)**
  - B. It forces us to live within our means (Luke 14:28-30)**
    - 1. Clear Plans**
    - 2. Accurate Estimates of costs and risk**
    - 3. Available assets**
    - 4. Precise timing**
    - 5. Public reputation or credulity**
  - C. It helps us to anticipate the future (Prov. 22:3 with Matthew 25:14-30)**
  - D. It enables you to know the effective allocation of scarce resources to alternative uses (Matt 13:44-46; Rev. 3:18; Phil. 3:8)**
  - E. It helps us to make priorities (Prov. 24:27)**
  - F. Accounting enables us to be prepared for greater responsibilities (Luke 16:10)**
  - G. It qualifies us for true riches (Luke 16:10-11)**
  - H. It keeps us honest in our stewardship (Ezra 8)**
  - I. It is a blessing to our wives and children if our house is in order when we die (2 Kings 20:1)**
  - J. It prepares us to give an account to God (Rom. 14:12; Matt 25:26)**