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As a manager you are called to do different things with agility and precision ranging from setting strategy to driving execution. A key skill that is often neglected or not mastered among managers is the ability to hold your team accountable for their work outcomes. This skill has become a must to have, especially where more and more organizations are embracing remote working as part of a flexible work style. In a study in Harvard Business Review, 46 percent of high-level managers were rated poorly on their ability to hold others accountable (2010). Fostering accountability is an art. It calls for a cultural shift and encompasses a set of behaviors that are inter-connected. Being accountable increases employee motivation, which in turn influences their ability to meet commitments successfully.

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In Pearl's corporate career she served as Chief Learning Officer for Lincoln Financial Group where she established an award-winning learning and development function. She held other senior learning and HR roles at Fujitsu, Mphasis, an HP company and Infosys. In her current role as Assistant Professor of Practice in the management department of Spears School of Business, she teaches human resources enabling management students to relate theory with practical experience.

Pearl received her Master's and Doctor in Education from University of Pennsylvania. Her award-winning dissertation established a framework to help companies brand their learning and development experience to render a human centric employee experience.

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