

ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK-UP

THE PURPOSE AND DEFINITION OF ACCOUNTABILITY

The purpose of accountability is nothing less than to each day become more Christ-like in all our ways and be ever more intimate with Him. Here's a useful working definition of accountability for Christians: *The ability to give an account for the key areas of our lives to qualified people.*

The following are some guidelines to help you grow your accountability relationships.

Questions to Start

- How has God blessed you this week? (What went right?)
- What problem has consumed your thoughts this week? (What went wrong?)

Spiritual Life

- God's Word - Have you read it consistently? What has God been teaching you?
- Prayer - How is your relationship with Christ evolving? Are you growing in prayer?
- Temptation - How have you been tempted this week? How did you respond?
- Confession - Do you have any unconfessed sin in your life?
- Witness - Have you shared your faith? In what ways? How can you improve?

Home Life

- Wife - How is it going with your wife? (time, meaningful conversation, attitudes, etc.)
- Children - How is it going with your children? (encouragement, time, spiritual welfare)
- Finances - How are your finances doing? (debts, sharing, saving, spending, stewardship)
- Time - How have you invested your time around the house?

Work Life

- Job - How are things going? (relationships, temptations, work load, stress, etc.?)

Critical Concerns

- God's Will - Do you feel you are in the center of God's will? Do you sense His peace?
- Thought Life - What are you wrestling with in secret?
- Service - What have you done for someone else this week which can't be repaid?
- Integrity - Is your moral and ethical behavior as it should be?

REFERENCE SCRIPTURES:

Proverbs 27:6, 17

Philippians 2:4, 20

John 13: 34

Galatians 6:1, 2

James 5:16a

- **Key:** Transparency - Is the "visible" you and the "real" you consistent in our relationship?

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