



# Kingdom Family Accountability

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# Primary Verse of Reference: Exodus 18:21-22

- <sup>21</sup> But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup> Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

# Definition of Accountability

- Accountability is the acknowledgment and assumption of responsibility for actions

# Points to Remember:

## Point 1

### ● Christian Accountability

### Partners/Friends/Groups Are Essential to Christian Living

- Someone to help and support you in your walk with Christ throughout life . We all need accountability Partners for good judgment and knowledge. Having good judgment and knowledge will help us to avoid sin.
- Verse: Psalm 119:9 <sup>9</sup> How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.
- When there is no accountability, sin is always the likely result. That is why we can't lean into our own understanding., but trust God. Proverbs 3:5

# Points to Remember:

## Point 2

### Accountability requires trust

- Accountability involves a willingness to open yourself up and share sensitive or personal information. This is why trust is so imperative. If you sense trust, you are more open to share your innermost thoughts without concern of betrayal.
- Verse: Matthew 7:1-2 says, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." A non-judgmental attitude will build trust between you and a person you serve as an accountability partner for.
- In order to be trustworthy you must be wise, honest, and godly. While we all fall short of the glory, the key is to make progress striving to practice what God preaches. Titus 1: 7-8

Paul, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." **James 5:16**



# Points to Remember:

## Point 3

### Accountability relates with a Biblical perspective and prayer

- Remember, we can be accepting of an individual while being discerning of the situation. Discernment must come from the word of God, not our opinions. "Gently restore, not harshly review"
- Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:24-26 <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. - We must look out for the our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We must build up our brothers and sisters so they can run and finish the race victoriously. Thessalonians 5:11 says to, "...encourage one another and build each other up..." - Anything we need to know to help relate, guide, and comfort our brothers and sisters is in the word of God.



Jesus, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." **Matthew 18:20**

# Practical Application

- Accountability works two ways. You become an accountability partner to someone and that person will be an accountability partner for you.

- Accountability Partners Must:**

- Be a Christian, believes and strives to live according to the word of God
- Have different experiences than you and/or stronger than you in areas that you may be struggle in

- Accountability Checkups Should Happen:**

- Once a week, even daily. The enemy is always busy, so encouraging your brother and sister everyday will help them be strong (i.e., prayer, devotion, fast)

- Holding People Accountable Will Require:**

- **Truthfulness based on the word of God** (not judgment). If someone is contradicting the word of God, you have to tell them and use the word (verses) to confirm it.
- You being honest with yourself and striving to be wise, honest, and godly in your life
- Relating to your accountability partner and your accountability partner relating to you. This will help you to empathize and share with an understanding heart



# Practical Application

## Continued

- To check if you are accountable or be accounted for answer the following questions. If you answer no to 1 or more, let CFN help you find accountability. You can also find accountability on your own by following the below steps:

### **Accountability Questions:**

- Are you accountable?
- Do you have a friend to whom you can go? Will that person hold you accountable in your spiritual walk?
- Are you the type of person that people can come to when they need accountability?
- Do you want a Christian accountability partner?

### **Steps to Finding Accountability Friends / Groups / Partners:**

- Begin by praying for God to reveal the person (or group of people).
- Consider the possibilities of Christian people: people in your church, work place, close friends, a man or woman you respect, etc. Search for people who are going through similar circumstances or have experienced them in their past. Perhaps you would feel more comfortable joining an online group. Be open to God's leading. (Note: it is important in one-on-one situations to select someone who is the same gender as you to avoid putting you or another in compromising circumstances.) Someone who has different experiences than you in areas that you may struggle with.
- Invite the person of interest to lunch, meet each other's family, or talk on the phone. If it's a group, ask if you can attend a meeting to see what it's like. Get to know one another. Do you get along? Do you enjoy your time together?
- If you are confident that this is the right person or group, ask if they would be your accountability partner.
- Educate person of interest on what kind of accountability you expect from them (give them permission to have transparency into your life)
- Ask person of interest if you can be an accountability partner to them

