

Accountability

This acronym should lay out some parameters for true accountability. Make sure that each of these principles is pursued each time you meet with an accountability partner.

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Reveal – 1John 1:5-10, Acts 24:16 - that is to confess completely. We must not try to hide our sins because of shame. Only in our humble honesty will we ever begin to conquer sin. Examining with probing questions can be helpful and should be applied.

Empathy – 2Cor. 1:3-7, Rom. 12:15 - we are all sinners. We must not allow another person's sin to surprise us. Your own struggles have prepared you to have real empathy for your brother or sisters struggles.

Prayer – James 5:16 – Pray for healing. Sin is too tempting for us to deal with on our own. We must seek the power of God (which He has promised) to effectively deal with sin.

Examine God's Word – 2Tim.3:16,17, Heb. 4:12 – Only God's Word through the work of the Holy Spirit can cleanse your conscience. Search His Words to find the freedom and life that only He can give.

Necessary – Heb. 10:24,25 - regular time. It is extremely necessary to find a regular time each week to meet with our accountability partner. Without a regular time, this meeting can easily fall by the wayside.

Transform – Heb. 3:13, James 1:22 - what can change. It won't help to meet each week if certain habits don't change. We *must* be open to changes in our life that can help keep us away from sin.