

**GENUINE ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**7 Traits of Highly Effective Christians, Part 2**  
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Normal accountability groups aren't bad; however, they are not \_\_\_\_\_

*Why Accountability Groups Aren't All They're Cracked Up To Be*

**1. When it comes to shame-based sin, things we're very embarrassed about, people \_\_\_\_\_**

When it comes to sin we are embarrassed about, our culture has switched from biblical "price tags," i.e. what the Scripture says is \_\_\_\_\_ to God

Proverbs 6:16-17 (GN) "There are seven things that the Lord hates and cannot tolerate: A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that kill innocent people, a mind that thinks up wicked plans, feet that hurry off to do evil, a witness who tells one lie after another, and someone who stirs up trouble among friends."

**2. Too often they lack real \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives and the ability to put any \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives**

When someone blows it again & again, and tells you about it & may even ask for prayer, you soon realize they may feel bad about it, but they aren't \_\_\_\_\_ with it very much

Too often we get our concepts of what forgiveness, grace, mercy, and encouragement looks like from our \_\_\_\_\_ and not the \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

When Christians are held accountable for their actions, it often stirs up a level of \_\_\_\_\_ that says, this is not \_\_\_\_\_ I want to be

*Two Primary Aspects of a Genuinely Accountable Life*

**1. T \_\_\_\_\_ in their life**

We think there is a God-given right to \_\_\_\_\_ - just God & me behind closed doors

This mindset often leads to a life of solitude and \_\_\_\_\_  
James 5:16; Jeremiah 23:24; Proverbs 15:3; 1 Timothy 5:24,25

Whether I hide it from you or not, the \_\_\_\_\_ me is going to be exposed to the light someday – why not now instead of shocking others later on

**2. A decision to be open to \_\_\_\_\_**

People can see into our lives and \_\_\_\_\_ into our lives, and we will not \_\_\_\_\_ back at them

Proverbs 12:1

We can live with an \_\_\_\_\_ door policy or a \_\_\_\_\_ door policy

*Two Examples – One Wise & One Stupid*

David – 2 Samuel 12:11-14 – key verse 13 "[David said] I have sinned against the Lord."

Because David confessed & came clean, God took away his sin but not the \_\_\_\_\_

David planted a "weed patch," but because he was open to correction, in the midst of that lifelong weed patch, God grew some beautiful \_\_\_\_\_

Uzziah – 2 Chronicles 26:15-24 – key verse 19 “Uzziah...became angry. While he was raging at the priests...”

2 door closers to people in our lives: a \_\_\_\_\_ & e \_\_\_\_\_

To see if you have a problem in this area, \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse, co-workers, friends & \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 19:27

### *Why We Need An Accountable Lifestyle That Is Transparent & Open*

1. We all have a \_\_\_\_\_ within

Romans 7:18-25; 1 John 1:8-10; Proverbs 20:9

2. Anonymity breeds \_\_\_\_\_ & transparency breeds our \_\_\_\_\_ behavior

When I’m in a private place where no one knows, it is so much easier to \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ around with things I’d never do in the “broad daylight” where others can see

I’m at my best when you are \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:8-9

3. The Christian life was never meant to be lived \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 27:17

The concept of a Lone Ranger Christian or “that’s between God & me” isn’t in the \_\_\_\_\_

### *“Butting In” – Some Guidelines*

**When people butt into your life, look for the ounce of \_\_\_\_\_; don’t focus on the pound of unfairness or hypocrisy** (see Proverbs 12:1 again)

**Scripture tells us to butt in when we see something wrong in another \_\_\_\_\_ life**

1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Galatians 6:1-2

**With \_\_\_\_\_ mind your own business**

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

It’s not your job to make non-family members live according to \_\_\_\_\_ rules

**With those who will not listen, save your \_\_\_\_\_**

Proverbs 9:7-8; Proverbs 23:9

### *My Next Step Today Is:*

- God, show me the next step I need to take in being transparent and open to correction.
- When people speak into my life, help me to see & respond to the “ounce of truth”
- I will memorize Proverbs 12:1 “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.”