

## ACCOUNTABILITY IN COMMUNITY FOR SUBMISSION TO JESUS

*In no way does our transparency alleviate our personal responsibility. Each of us alone will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account for our own life. We merely recognize that in a healthy and atmosphere marked by authenticity, confession, and loving admonishment, pride can die, sin can be dealt with, and real encouragement can be offered.*

### REQUIREMENTS

- Complete confidentiality and trust
- Non-publicized, private meeting
- Mutual commitment
- No "off-limits" areas
- Initiating transparency
- No "bail out" clause

### QUESTIONS

1. Have you compromised your integrity at all this past week? In your words? Commitments? Standards (Ps. 15)? Have you been clear in your conscience both before God and men (Acts 24:16)?
2. Have your reactions been Christlike? Did you lose your temper? Did you have an opportunity to swallow your pride? How did you handle stress and conflict?
3. How have you treated your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit this week (1 Cor. 6:12-20)?
4. Have you grown in, or apart from the Lord this past week (2 Peter 1)? How specifically have you "disciplined yourself for godliness" in the last week (1 Tim. 4:7)?
5. What obstacles have you encountered in your attempt to fulfill your responsibilities as a husband and father (Deut. 6; Eph. 5:22-33; 6:4; Col. 3:19-21; 1 Peter 3:7)?
6. How have you used your resources and gifts to advance the Lord's kingdom (Luke 19:11-27)?
7. What was the strongest temptation you faced this last week, and how did you handle it (Matt. 4:1-11; 1 Cor. 10:13)?
8. Have you stayed free from the love of money and things (Matt. 6:24; Mark 4:7; 18; 1 Tim. 6:6-10, 17-18; 1 John 2:15-17)?
9. Have you kept yourself sexually pure in your thoughts and actions? Have you looked at any pornographic media or arousing pictures or literature? Have you kept your "screens" clean? Have you flirted with anyone other than your spouse? Sexually, and romantically, are you more satisfied or frustrated with your marriage? (1 Thess. 4:3-8; Eph. 4:3-4; 1 Cor. 7:1-5)
10. Have you answered the above questions with scrupulous honesty before God, to yourself, and to others? In any of them, in any way have you been purposely misleading or deceptive (Eph. 4:15; Col. 3:9)?