

Good Intentions to Great Results

(Roots - Lesson 3 of 3)

Objective:

Students will learn that spiritual growth comes from being accountable to other Christians and will begin an accountability relationship with another believer.

Key Thought:

From good intentions to great results!

Note to Parents/Guardians:

This is one of those topics that you are going to have to cover with your teen based upon where your relationship is right now. In this lesson your teen learned about biblical accountability. Ideally you have worked this lovingly into your relationship with your son or daughter since birth, but we all know that our sinful children also have sinful parents and when you put the two together, “ideally” can get thrown out the window.

Let’s begin by getting you on the same page as the lesson your teen learned. First, in order to have an accountable relationship, two people must have mutual faith and mutual respect. Encourage your son or daughter to have two or more accountability partners to help with his or her spiritual walk. Express your interest in being one of them, but acknowledge that you completely understand that sometimes he/she would like to talk to someone who is not a parent. You’ll need to remind your child that having a peer or two as accountability partners is fine, but it really helps to have another adult or two that they can go to.

So...what is the purpose of accountability? The bottom line is that accountability challenges us in our weaknesses and encourages us in our strengths. This is someone who has God’s glory in our lives as their highest priority.

In 2013, a guest writer for Desiring God Ministries, Trillia Newbell, wrote a short but pointed article on the power and characteristics of accountability. This is a great resource for you to understand the subject better. After reading it, have a good conversation with your teenager and encourage accountability in your own relationship.

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/why-accountability-matters>

Discussion Questions:

Following are the questions the students discussed during their small group time:

1. In what other areas of your life have you experienced accountability?
2. Have you been in an accountability relationship before, and was it different than what you’ve learned today about the goal of a biblical accountability relationship?
3. What is one new thing you have learned from this lesson that has encouraged you to begin an accountability relationship?
4. What, if anything, would keep you from beginning one this week?