

# Accountability

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. - Proverbs 27:17

This page is to create an accountability process for the parish ministries and local chapters to use in order to show how to set up Bible reading accountability along with other services like liturgy attendance.

Accountability can refine leaders. Proverbs 27:17 "As Iron Sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend". Men need each other for validation and accountability to enrich and edify one another in holiness

Accountability should be within an intimate setting of 2-3 people maximum to allow for easy and frequent communication, comfort with the other person, and the ability to speak about each others' struggles

## **When looking for an accountability partner, consider someone who:**

1. Is interested in your growth as well as their own.
2. Will be honest with you, and you feel like you can be honest with them
3. Will remember to ask about you and follow up
4. Will give you grace when you fail, and edify you when you can't
5. You share both good and bad news with each other

**Brave Ministries wants to empower each Brave group to help its members help each other. Group leaders can set up accountability aids in the following areas:**

### **Reading**

- Bible
- YouVersion
- Men can complete Bible plans together where they read the same passage, see others' progress, and share comments and questions on what they read
- Spiritual Books

### **Spiritual Accountability**

- Prayer/ Agpeya
- Confession
- Church Bible studies
- Jesus prayer
- Memorization verses
- Lectures
- Hymns

### **Liturgical**

- Vespers
- Midnight Praises
- Liturgies

### **Service**

- Sunday School
- Visiting the sick
- Prison

### **Relationship Accountability**

- Marriage
- Family
- Friends
- Organize coffee shop visits

### **Physical Accountability**

- Diet/Fasting
- Quiet Time
- Gym
- Sports
- Chores
- Fixing/ Building
- Mowing the lawn
- Washing the family's cars

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## Bible Accountability - Youversion Bible App

Youversion Bible App offers:

1. Possibility to create individual profiles
2. Bible plans that you can utilize individually or with your accountability partner
  - 3 different spiritual levels of Bible plans
3. Highlighting and sharing of verses with friends in the app or direct text messages
  - Can be utilized as part of the accountability measures
4. Contains a lot of video content

## Liturgical and Church Services

1. Ensure that each of you are attending liturgy and take communion first and foremost as this is the foundational tenet of our faith
  - It sounds weird, but track each others' attendance.
2. Encourage each other to attend bible studies, vespers, tasbeha, volunteer services, fellowship in a Church environment (outside Church) to foster the peace and power of the Word of God in your daily lives
3. Organize outings to a coffee shop with a small group (1-4) of friends and have spiritual/theological/ socially challenging discussions. Remember that the goal is edification, so if the topic is not becoming of this value, then this should change

## Spiritual Reading

1. Encourage each other to read spiritual books and readings
  - Brave will offer a book club in the near future. Encourage each other to attend the meetings/ discussions

## Strengthening your bond

1. Find verses to learn together so that "His praise shall continually be in my mouth" Psalm 34:1
  - If your church does not have a BRAVE local chapter, feel free to utilize the memorization verse located on our website.
2. Carpool together
3. Offer to babysit another couples' kids so the couple can go on a fun date
4. Offer household chores/necessities (moving help, resume writing, job search, skills learned, tutoring etc...)
5. Visit the gym together and keep each other accountable for your health as well
6. Reach out to other mens' services for guidance

## Practical accountability for family men and single men

### Family man examples

- Monthly challenges (Make breakfast for family once a week)
- Date nights/couple date nights
- Books for married couples to read together

### Single man examples

- Go talk to a homeless man and get him food even when it's inconvenient (in a safe way)
- Make a desirable meal for homeless people (not just fast food)
- Find opportunities in the church where you can tutor kids that are struggling in subjects you excel in