

3. Accountability for Apprenticeship to Jesus

Examples of areas to explore and questions to help us in our apprenticeship walk with Jesus:

- a) **A key relationship** – “Did I withdraw or engage in my relationship with my spouse/child/classmate, etc.?”
- b) **Sexuality** – “Did I intentionally expose myself to any suggestive or explicit sexual material?”
- c) **Financial integrity** – “Did I lack financial integrity in any of my dealings?”
- d) **Work/school** – “Did I cut corners, misrepresent any reporting, cheat, or lack integrity in any way this week?”
- e) **Speech** – “Did I talk negatively about anyone behind their back?”
- f) **Attitude/character trait** – “Did I live from a place of discouragement and resignation or did I live from a place of hope and confidence in God?”

Follow up question: “Jesus, what’s happening in my heart when I engage in an unhealthy or sinful manner on this issue?”

4. Book Study

Two prompting questions:

- a) What was the most important or compelling idea you read?
- b) How could you implement that into your daily life?

Listening Prayer on behalf of someone else:

“Jesus, what is on your heart for....

“Jesus, what counsel do you have for...

“Jesus, what scripture would be timely for...



Purposeful Up-Side-Down Relationships

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“We all end up somewhere; few people end up there on purpose.”

Andy Stanley

VISION

Seeing in someone what I want to emulate, cultivate, or stimulate

UP Relationships

Philippians 4:9 NIV

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Key Word: _____

Proverbs 3:13-14 NLT

Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For Wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold.

Question: What area in your life do you need wisdom and who do you see that has wisdom in this area?

SIDE Relationships

Proverbs 27:17 NIV

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Key Word: _____

Question: What kind of accountability would you benefit from and who could help provide it for you?

DOWN relationships

2 Timothy 2:2 NLT

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

“If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”
Isaac Newton

Key Word: _____

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as, in fact, you are doing.

Question: Who are you investing in? Who are you looking to regularly and purposefully encourage in their journey?

INTENTION

Deciding to make the necessary adjustments in my life

1. Plan to create _____
2. Decide to take _____ per week
3. Tell _____ people about your plan.

MEANS (or METHOD)

Identifying a strategic implementation pathway

Areas in which to have Purposeful Conversation

1. *Intentional Life Reflection*

Consider: marriage, parenting, work, school, good friendships, finances, sexuality, Bible & prayer, work/school and home life balance, conflict resolution, fruits of the Spirit, etc.)

- a) What is the most important thing you’ve learned about...?
- b) What is your biggest struggle in this area currently?

2. *Scripture and Theological Questions*

“If what I’ve read is true and part of the now-available Kingdom of God (i.e. it’s not just for some day up in Heaven) where and how might this apply to my life this week?”

“Why is what I’ve read ‘good news?’”
