

Iron Sharpening Iron

FAMILY THEME: Biblical Accountability

STUDY TEXT: Galatians 2:11-14; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 Samuel 15:17-31; Psalm 51:1-17; Galatians 6:1-5

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Galatians 2:11-14

Allow God to grow you through being accountable to other believers. None of us is strong enough to pursue righteousness on our own and it was never intended that we do so. The kingdom of God benefits when any of us grows. Allowing ourselves to be challenged and encouraged by others is an act of submission to Christ and service to the kingdom. **Discussion:**

- How might pride prevent us from benefiting from accountability?
- What are some examples of ways you've grown through the help of others keeping you accountable?

Samuel 15:13-26; Psalm 51:1-17

Humbly submit to godly counsel. We must cultivate and demonstrate the qualities that allow others to speak beneficial truths into our lives. Our attitude will determine the effects of the wisdom we receive. We will always need help, but our response when others try to provide it can either encourage or discourage others from continuing to reach out to us. **Discussion:**

- Why do we often become defensive when confronted about sin in our lives or areas we need to change?
- What can we do to overcome our penchant for defensiveness?

Galatians 6:1-5

Live in a way that earns trust, allowing you to speak and receive beneficial truth.

Care for others in the way you carry yourself as well as with your words.

Accountability should be motivated by the greatest commandments (love God and love your neighbor) as we seek to bring the Lord glory in worshipful obedience and to help others do the same. **Discussion:**

- How can providing accountability for others help us live holier lives?
- In what ways can we demonstrate to others that we have their best interests at heart?