

# How Not to Live Just Normal

## ACCOUNTABILITY: DECIDING WHAT COMES FIRST

### Lesson 4

#### **INTRODUCTION**

For several weeks we have discussed the qualities of a person who does “not live just normal” in the midst of our average society. These are people who:

1. Who has \_\_\_\_\_ that sees past the majority.
2. Who are \_\_\_\_\_ to hang in there.
3. Who have their \_\_\_\_\_ straight.

Now for the 4th quality, which is the least popular of the four:

4. Who are \_\_\_\_\_ and answer hard questions.

## **4 Qualities of an Accountable Person**

People who allow themselves to be accountable will possess:

1. Vulnerability –

2. Teachability –

3. Availability –

4. Honesty –

## **5 Qualities of a Real Friend**

1. A real friend is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Proverbs 18:24)

2. A real friend \_\_\_\_\_ you. (Proverbs 17:9)

3. A real friend is \_\_\_\_\_ with you. (Proverbs 27:6)

4. A real friend \_\_\_\_\_ you up. (Hebrews 10:24)

5. A real friend would be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
for you. (John 15:13)

## **Biblical Principles of Accountability**

1. Accountability to God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 12:35–36 / Romans 14:10–12
2. Accountability to spiritual leaders is \_\_\_\_\_ by God and is \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Corinthians 16:13–16 / Hebrews 13:17
3. Accountability to one another is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 12:9–16 / Romans 15:1–2,14

## **Advantages of Accountability**

1. We are less likely to \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Proverbs 13:10, 14, 18, 20 / Proverbs 15:31–33
2. We are more likely to see the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
Proverbs 27:17
3. When we are regularly accountable, we are not likely to get away with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ actions.  
Proverbs 27:6

## **Just Answer YES or NO**

1. Can you name one or more people outside of your family to whom you have made yourself regularly accountable?
2. Are you are aware of the dangers of "unaccountability"?
3. When was the last time that you gave an account for the "private" areas of your life to someone outside of your family?

*Those people who don't just live normal, see past the majority and hang in there, knowing "what" and "who" are first, while allowing people to ask hard questions.*