

**LAYMAN'S SCHOOL OF TRAINING**  
**HOLE 2 - ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY SEMINAR**  
**ADDENDUM "A" TO LECTURE 8 - BLESSED PROTECTION THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY**

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(For the students own private study and meditation)

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**2 Sam 1:19b (NIV) "How the mighty have fallen!"**

If Adam, Saul, David, Solomon, Judas, Peter, AA Allan, Jim Baker, Jimmy Swaggart, etc, etc, etc, all fell, then we need to take every precaution that it doesn't happen to us.

**1 Cor 10:12 (NAS) Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**

I think I'm standing strong; therefore I better take heed lest I fall.

Because greater men of God than me have fallen I choose to make myself accountable.

Every man of God needs a spiritually mature, close, trustworthy and loyal friend; someone that believes in them and really cares; someone that can speak into their life; someone who won't even repeat his friends secrets to his wife. We need someone who understands we all have feet of clay. We need a man or woman of God we can go to and share our heart with in confidence, knowing we will not be betrayed, but loved, prayed for, counseled, helped and supported.

With such a Covenant Partner friend we need to ask each other the following questions every time we meet.

(Your friend needs to be a peer who is not afraid that speaking the truth into your life will jeopardize your relationship. Some men of God surround themselves with "Yes" men, afraid to speak the truth. That's a mockery of accountability.)

(Remember in choosing the right trusted friend, steer clear from that person who talks to you about others, because they will certainly talk to others about you. Some people can't help themselves; they have no "Zip Lip" self control. Scandal comprises a sizable percentage of their conversation. Avoid such men as these.)

1. Are you in prayer and the Word?
2. Have you honored your vow to your wife?
3. Are you providing spiritual leadership for your family?
4. Are you in harmony with your spouse?
5. Are you in conflict with anyone?
6. Have you looked at any pornography?
7. Have you stolen anything?
8. Have you lied to anyone?
9. Have you kept your commitments?
10. Are you taking care of your body?
11. What are you doing to show love and appreciation to those who work for you?
12. Are you in your assignment?
13. What are you struggling with now?
14. How can I help you in your weakest area?
15. Have you been completely honest with me?

I do not want to let God, my family, or my friend down.

If you knew these questions were going to be asked of you every month, by someone you loved and respected, I believe it could help you to say, "No!"

**Prov 27:17 (NKJ) As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.**