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## Galatians 6:1-10

An accountability partner is able to perceive what you can't see when blind spots and weaknesses block your vision. Such a person serves as a tool in God's hand to promote spiritual growth, and he or she watches out for your best interest. When choosing a confidant, look for seven characteristics:

- 1. Godly.** A person who walks in the Spirit will offer genuine wisdom based on biblical principles rather than personal opinion.
- 2. Trustworthy.** No matter what you share with this individual, you must be certain that he or she will keep everything in the strictest confidence.
- 3. Accepting.** He or she must allow you to be yourself—frailties and all—and not try to remake you into someone “perfect.”
- 4. Courageous.** A good accountability partner will lovingly confront you with the truth, even when it hurts (Eph. 4:15).

**5. Forgiving.** Trust is built when mistakes are forgiven.

**6. Edifying.** Don't choose someone with an overly critical attitude, who will make you feel worthless. Love edifies and builds up (Eph. 4:29). It never destroys.

**7. Encouraging.** You don't want someone with a checklist, who judges you or acts like a prophet. Instead, choose someone who takes great joy in encouraging you.

We can all benefit from someone who's able to say what we need to hear without making us feel threatened. Answerability provides checks and balances that promote spiritual growth and protect us from pitfalls. If you don't already have an accountability partner, ask God to lead you to such a person.

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