

How To Keep First Things First Selected Scriptures

Series: **Biblical Priorities - Part 3**

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17*

I. The Problem = Many start well, but few finish well.

II. The answer = Biblical Accountability

- Definition: Enlisting the support of those who love me to help me keep my commitments to God.

- Its Power: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

III. The Means = "How To" Develop Accountability Relationships

- It begins at _____.
- In an atmosphere of _____.
- It must be voluntary and by _____.
- It must be _____ not generic.
- It must be _____ not sporadic.
- No more than _____.

Discussion Questions

1. In what area of your life have you recently made a commitment to God?
2. From what you learned today how could you get help in keeping this commitment?
3. Why is accountability so essential for all of us?
4. What specific steps will you take to become accountable so you can be a **finisher?**