

Help for Accountability Partners

Thank you for your commitment to help us multiply the reapers. We trust this relationship will prove to be a blessing to you, as well as, to the team member you are serving.

We are pleased that you have agreed to mentor and coach an ISI team member during the process of raising his/her support. Raising personal support for ministry is a challenge. It affords many opportunities for spiritual growth. God uses this experience in our lives to grow our faith and confidence in Him as our provider. We know that it goes much better if team members have a good friend to walk through it with them. Your friendship, interest, and the investment you are making toward your friend's success will mean getting him/her into the ministry quickly and fully supported.

We offer a few suggestions that may help in establishing a way to relate each time you meet.

As you mentor and coach an ISI team member, we ask that you:

1. Maintain a schedule of meeting with the team member on a regular basis (ideally, weekly).
2. Respect his/her voluntary submission to you in the relationship.
3. Receive his/her verbal or written report and respond promptly.
4. Be consistent in contact and follow-through.
5. Be open and honest about your perception of their efforts.
6. Be trustworthy, able to keep a confidence.
7. Provide perspective from a financial partner's point of view.
8. Help him/her stretch and keep active with weekly support tasks.
9. Rejoice with the team member when he/she is up.
10. Encourage the team member when he/she is down.
11. Pray *with* your team member when you are together, and *for* him/her when you are not.
12. Allow the team member to set the goals.
13. Keep him/her focused on the task.
14. Help him/her balance perspective when things are going slowly.
15. Remind him/her of God's promises.
16. Talk through the issues when the team member seems stuck.
17. Suggest things he/she haven't tried.
18. Keep the full budget goal before the team member – 100% of his/her approved budget.

*Keep in mind, that of all the possible ways
to motivate people to work harder,*

friendly praise is at the top of the list.

Questions you may want to ask them:

- How has God blessed you this past week?
- Have you accomplished all the goals on your plan the past week?
- If not, what has prevented you?
- Is your plan working? Are you working your plan?
- How has your relationship with Christ been changing?
- Have you wrestled with doubt?
- What disappointments have you faced this week?
- How is God helping you deal with disappointments and frustrations?
- Are you busy doing other things and neglecting to make phone calls for appointments, to write thank-you notes, and to keep up with monthly correspondence?
- What have you done to deepen relationships with the people you have not yet approached for support?
- Have you made time for your spouse and children (if single – for a social life)?
- What is God teaching you as you walk through this process?
- How are you responding to His prompting?
- What are you struggling with in raising support?
- Do you have any questions you want to ask me?
- How can I be praying for you in the week ahead?