

## **Iron Man Team Accountability Questions**

**“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” Prov. 27:17 (NLT)**



In 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 the Apostle Paul commands us: “<sup>13</sup> Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. <sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love.” To act like men involves the following:<sup>1</sup>

1. **A**cting out our God-given mission and responsibility, by following the example of Jesus Christ and by trusting in him alone to help us since he is with us. (Another way to say this: Step up to the plate) See: Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9; 21 Samuel 10:12; Pss. 27:14; 31:24; 1 Kings 2:2. It more specifically involves the following...
2. **M**aintain Defense courageously over those under our charge in the face of danger and enemies because God is with us in Christ. (Another word: Protect) See Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9; Samuel 10:12; Samuel 10:12; 1 Kings 2:2.
3. **E**scort (Lead) those under our charge faithfully, according to God’s Word, realizing that our Savior is with us. (Another word: Pastor). See Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9; Samuel 10:12; 1 Kings 2:2.
4. **N**ecessities should be supplied by us sacrificially for those under our charge—not as the ultimate provider, but the secondary one—who is trusting in Christ. (Another word: provide) See: Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9; Samuel 10:12; 1 Kings 2:2.

This brief overview of biblical manhood leads to the following key accountability questions. Since we met last, have you...

1. Spent consistent time in the Bible and prayer?
2. Trusted in Christ to empower you to love, honor, and grow in Him?
3. Prayed with, loved well, spent quality time with, and led your wife and children to know and grow in Christ?
4. Been with a woman in such a way that could be considered inappropriate?
5. Exposed yourself to any sexually explicit material or had lustful thoughts?
6. Been above reproach in all your financial dealings?
7. Prayed for and sought to share the gospel with any unbelievers?
8. Used your time and spiritual gifts in any way to serve Christ and others?
9. Repented of and rested in Christ’s forgiveness for any moral failures?
10. Just lied to me?

*Growing together through the gospel in  
character, knowledge, and skill.  
1 Timothy 4:16*

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<sup>1</sup> All but one of the following passages within the Greek translation of the Old Testament use the same verb found in 1 Corinthians 16:13 that is translated “act like men”. The one exception, 1 Kings 2:2, uses a related noun translated “man”.