

## **My Accountability Letter**

Are you ready to be real? Accountability must be authentic, and that begins with you. This is a letter to you. You are the only one who will ever see it so there is no point in being anything but honest. Next year this will be sent to you as a check on how you stuck to your convictions...convictions about the kind of person you want to be in school and beyond.

Our God is truly a God of second chances. Perhaps you are ready to change some behaviors, make better decisions or redirect your thought processes. Tonight is your opportunity to take that step into adulthood, leaving behind the things of your youth.

Begin by filling in the blanks: My accountability partner is going to be \_\_\_\_\_\_. I promise to be faithful, honest and obedient to him/her about those things about me that are not honoring to God. I will check in with my accountability partner every \_\_\_\_\_.

In the open space below, write about those things that you are, from this time on, going to <u>leave behind</u> as you take this step away from your home, your church and your youth group. This could include: how you treat your friends or family, wrong thinking, irresponsibility or sinful habits that are keeping you from God. Perhaps you haven't been able to resist the temptations of drinking, sex or drugs. What about bad study habits, poor planning or a priority system that is messed up? Whatever it is, lay it down... right here, right now.

On this page, write comments about the kind of person that you are striving to be in several different areas of life: the <u>thought life</u> you want to have, the kinds of <u>friends</u> that will encourage you, <u>healthy habits</u> like exercise and proper eating, <u>accountability</u>, <u>study habits</u> as well as time for lots of fun. What is your <u>time with God</u> going to look like? Are you planning to join a Christian organization or how about teaching a Bible study yourself? What kind of <u>witness</u> are you going to be to your room mate, new friends or even those you do not particularly like? Are you going to take time out to just <u>be a friend</u> to someone who needs one?