

Questions for authentic relationships

1. What are the greatest challenges you have been experiencing? What are the greatest joys?
2. How has your walk with God been since we last met? Have you been experiencing the abundant life, experiencing His presence, drawing on His wisdom and strength?
3. Have you been spending consistent time with God on a regular basis in prayer and Bible reading/study? What have you gained in this time? How is God speaking to you? What are you reading and studying in addition to your quiet time that is deepening your relationship with God?
4. In what ways have you stepped out in faith since we last met; given your testimony; sensed God's activity in your life?
5. What has been your greatest disappointment since we last met? How have you handled this?
6. Is there any hatred, bitterness, spite, resentment, or unforgiveness in your heart toward another person? Have you gossiped about any person or situation?
7. How have you managed your tongue? Have you been sharp, unkind, or said things you should not have said to anyone? Have you used language that is inappropriate (swearing, laughing at inappropriate jokes)? Have you compromised your integrity in any way by your speech?
8. How have you served others since we last met? What were your motives and attitudes when serving?
9. Have you procrastinated on important things in your daily life and spiritual walk that should not be put off?
10. Are you spending too much time at work or in other activities at the expense of family, others, and your spiritual life?
11. Have you been spending good quantity and quality time with your spouse, children, mother or father? What have you done since we last met to enhance relationships? Are you praying together?
12. Are you giving to the Lord's work financially? Have you misused your finances by buying things you don't need at the expense of your tithe and other responsibilities?
13. Have you spent time with or talked with anybody that could have been misinterpreted as something unholy? Have you endeavored to avoid the appearance of evil?
14. Have you accessed internet sites, watched movies or television which is inappropriate that would have grieved the Spirit, had a negative impact on someone else, detracted from your testimony or hindered your spiritual walk?
15. Have you committed any sexual sin? Have you had improper thoughts about the opposite sex? Has your thought life been pure? Are you wrestling with any sexual sin temptation? Have you put yourself in an awkward situation with the opposite sex?
16. Have you used or abused any substance as an escape instead of casting all your cares upon the Lord (cigarettes, food, alcohol, drugs, excessive caffeine, etc.)?
17. Are you taking time to exercise your body and eat the proper foods? Are your eating habits healthy? Are you taking time for rest and relaxation? Is there excessive stress in your life and how are you handling?
18. Is there anything you are hiding or something else you need to be accountable for which I did not ask you?
19. Overall does the external you and the internal you match? Are you leading with your life?
20. What is your number one need in the coming week and how can I pray for you?

Tough questions for sure. Those who desire to lead holy lives as commanded in Scripture will quickly desire to be held accountable to godly biblical standards. Our desire should be to do all we can to be pleasing to the Lord and become more conformed to the character of Jesus Christ.