

12 Tips for Improving Accountability

If you really want to improve your productivity and need to improve your accountability, here are 12 important tips...

1. No One Can Hold You Accountable

2. Accountability Is Simply a Reporting of Your Behavior or Performance

3. An accountability partner is someone you agree to report your progress to. Their job is not to be your parent and chase you around...or enforce consequences.

4. For an accountability partner to work effectively, that person must be someone whose opinion matters. If you don't care what they think of you, then you won't care to fail in front of them.

5. Accountability is a state of being and no one can actually "hold you accountable." You need to BE ACCOUNTABLE.

6. Being accountable requires making promises, reporting your progress on those promises, taking responsibility, and taking ownership for the success of those promises.

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7. Taking responsibility and ownership for the success of your promises means you must BE YOUR WORD. Honor your word. If you make a promise, follow through on that promise. That's called integrity.

8. There is no accountability if honoring your word is not a primary value in your life. Maintain integrity.

9. You must choose your integrity over your feelings and over whatever mood you may be in at any given time.

10. To successfully maintain your integrity you must make better choices. Be selective. Be concerning. Be protective. Be critical. Be analytical. Think it through

11. Say no more often.

12. If you fail at being accountable, it's because you failed at reporting. If you failed at reporting, you checked out of your responsibility. If you checked out of your responsibility you are out of integrity. If you are out of integrity...take responsibility and fix it.