

# A Panther Man L.E.A.D.S. Accountability



## THE GAME-PLAN

- Learn what it means to be accountable and to hold accountable.

## THE WARM-UP

- What does the word accountability mean to you?
- What does it mean to be accountable as a student, a friend, and a family member?
- What does accountability look like between teammates on a football team?

*“This is a game of accountability. Accountability and availability. Don’t tell me about talent. God gave you your talent men. It’s a gift from God. Don’t you waste it. But here’s the deal. When you walk into the huddle do you trust each other? Because the coach ain’t in there.” —Herm Edwards (NFL Player, Coach, and Analyst)*

## THE KICKOFF

In the last quote, Coach Edwards said that, “This is a game of accountability.” As teammates we must be willing to be held accountable, and to hold those around us accountable. A team can not function the way it is supposed to without it’s members pushing the man next to him.

Proverbs 27:17

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

What are some ways that you can promote a culture of accountability on this team?

## THE GRIND

1 Corinthians 9:27

“But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

In this scripture, Paul is taking full responsibility for his own actions. He knows that as a leader of the church he must lead by example. He cannot hold others accountable if he isn’t putting in the work himself. This allows his accountability to others to become a place of leadership.

What are some ways that you can step up your game, and lead by example?

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## THE SCORE

We all want to win. Losing is no fun, but it does cause us to evaluate where we are at as individual athletes and as a team. Accountability causes us to be strong and disciplined. God's plan for all of us requires us to live in community. This isn't always easy, but it is best. When we are surrounded by people that we love, and that love us, we strive to be the best we can be, and we will push others to live up to their potential. This is what makes great teams, families, churches, and communities.

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What are some things that can be "stepped up" in practice and on Friday nights?

1 Corinthians 9:25

"All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally."

Off the field is more important than anything. What are some things that you and your teammates could improve in their daily lives?

How do you feel accountability can make you live in deeper relationship with Jesus?

## SCRIPTURAL FOCUS

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

WATCH THIS! Accountability and Availability! (<https://youtu.be/wat11WNGvE8>)

Athlete Accountability (<https://powerathlethq.com/athlete-accountability/>)

Accountability, Effort, & Trust (<https://blogs.usafootball.com/blog/3339/accountability-effort-and-trust-top-ncaa-coaches-reveal-the-foundation-to-winning-culture>)