

These questions are for the June 21, 2026, message, "Faithful Men." Please read the sermon passage (Proverbs 3:1-12) out loud.

Passage Outline

1. The mindset of the faithful man (1-4).
 - a) Memory (1): "do not forget, do not neglect the ways of the father."
 - b) Discipline (3): make the teaching visible. Neck (external), and heart (internal).
 - c) Blessing (2, 4). Proverbs are not promises, but instructions about skillful living.
2. The humility of the faithful man (5-8).
 - a) Do not be wise in your own eyes (arrogant and stubborn about your way).
 - i. Trust the LORD. Trust: "rely on with confidence, even in danger."
 - ii. Your heart: internal. Your ways: external. Extent: "all."
 - b) Identify your own strengths and consciously demote confidence in yourself.
3. The money of the faithful man (9-10).
 - a) Recognize the expanse of God's grace in your life at every turn.
 - b) Honor the LORD with your wealth.
4. The transformation of the faithful man (11-12).
 - a) Reproof disciplines us, making us stronger. Don't "despise" or "grow weary."
 - b) God disciplines us because He loves us! "As a father loves His son."

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Remember your own earthly father. In what ways did he teach you faithfulness? Integrity? Character? And godliness? What is your fondest memory?
2. Based on #1, above: Anything good in our earthly fathers should remind us to seek and honor our heavenly Father. We said that "keeping" his commands (1) is an act of guarding or protecting. "Identify your weak spot and fortify." When it comes to keeping God's commandments where are you weak? How can we help you "fortify"?
3. Based on #2, above: Humility is thinking of yourself less, especially about your own opinions and convictions. In what ways have you created problems by being "wise in your own eyes" (7)? Even if you don't change your opinions or convictions, how might holding them more humbly be a blessing to those around you?
4. Based on #2, above: God often puts us in trouble in order to strengthen our trust and confidence in Him. How are you strengthening in your trust of the LORD?
5. Based on #4, above: In verse 11, Solomon seems to be turning his own discipline of his son over to the Lord: "Now it's time for you to experience the Lord's discipline yourself." Where are you in this process of committing your children directly to the LORD's discipline? How are you becoming a better example of receiving that same discipline?