

**Discussion Questions
For Those Faithful Fathers
(Proverbs 3:1-12)**

As you study this passage, remember that each two verses form a couplet. The first verse provides an instruction or warning and then the second verse gives a consequence.

1. Start your discussion time by asking people to share “words of wisdom” that they remember from their parents.

(Ex. “Make the right choices” / “Wait two weeks” / etc

2. What are some of the benefits of listening to and following the instructions and warnings of our parents? (1-2)

(Compare: Exodus 20:12 / Ephesians 6:1-3)

3. Why do you think the author wants to instill these particular values in the heart and mind of his son? Remember

Kindness” (NASV) = Loyalty / “Truth” = Faithfulness)

(3-4) Compare: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 / Proverbs 7:3 / Jeremiah 17:1)

4. How can you help your children or grandchildren learn to “trust in the Lord” and not “lean on their own understanding”?

(5-6) (Compare: Psalm 37:3-5 / Proverbs 22:19 / Jeremiah 9:23-24)

5. What do you think it means “to be wise in your own eyes”? (7-8) (Compare: Isaiah 5:20-24 / Proverbs 26:12) How is this

the opposite of “Trusting in the Lord” in verse 5?

Share an example of when you thought you knew what you were doing as a teenager or young adult but it eventually got you into trouble:

6. Why do you think it is important to teach your children or grandchildren about the value of money and material things?

(9-10)

How are the material values of the world different than the values in the Bible?

Share how you learned to tithe, save, budget, spend and invest?

How can you help your kids develop biblical habits in these areas?

7. The phrase “those whom the Lord loves He disciplines” was often used in Bible times in reference to “good” people

going through hardships and suffering. (11-12)

See Job 5:17 / 33:12

The author of Hebrews uses the same expression in Hebrews 12:5-6.

How can you prepare your children or grandchildren for hardships and difficulties?

8. Share which one of these six “couplets” touched a cord in your life? Explain: