

## Message Summary

What you pursue shapes who you become. Proverbs 3 shows that godly character is not formed by image, success, or performance, but by pursuing the heart of God. As we trust Him, loosen our grip on what we hold tightly, and allow His loving discipline to shape us, He forms His character in us.

## Key Scriptures

### **Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIV)**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

### **Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)**

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops...”

### **Proverbs 3:11–12 (NIV)**

“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.”

## Start Talking

*Find a conversation starter for your group.*

- What’s something you’ve pursued in life that ended up shaping your priorities more than you expected?
- Watch this week’s Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Monday’s)

## Start Thinking

*Ask a question to get your group thinking.*

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do these verses teach us about what trusting God really looks like in everyday life?

## Start Sharing

*Choose a question(s) to create openness.*

- If, what you pursue shapes who you become.” Where do you see that playing out in your life right now?
- Which of these feels hardest for you at this stage of life: laying down control, loosening your grip on what you have, or letting God shape you through correction?
- Why do you think it can be easier to focus on outward behavior than to honestly let God work on your heart?
- Where do you sense God inviting you to surrender something so He can form more of His heart in you?

## Start Praying

*Jesus, shape our hearts to look more like Yours. Help us trust You more deeply, hold our lives more loosely, and receive Your correction with humility. Form Your love and faithfulness in us so that who we are becoming reflects You. Amen.*

## Start Doing

This week, choose one area to surrender more fully to God: control, possessions/plans, or correction.

- Ask God each day to shape your heart in that area.
- Write down what you are tempted to grip tightly and surrender it in prayer.
- If God brings conviction, respond quickly instead of defensively.