

**LESSONS IN MANHOOD 4: PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

Job 1:4-5, Proverbs 30:5-9, Romans 12:2



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• In what ways do you maintain your possessions, like your home or your car? What is necessary to keep them sound and operating and in good condition?

* What preventive maintenance on yourself are you likely to ignore? Advice from the doctor or dentist or health trainer? Why?
* What rituals do you have in your life that you do regularly, like every morning or every evening? How did those habits come about?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Job 1:4-5. What was Job’s regular custom? Why did he do this?

* Read Proverbs 30:5-6. Why is studying the Bible a good habit to form?
* Read Proverbs 30:8-9. Why does the author ask for “only my daily bread”—no more than he needs?
* Read Romans 12:2. How might we effectively following God?
* What actions or activities might draw us away from God? Why?
* How do regular habits with regard to God help us to remain faithful and grow in obedience to Him?



• What is one habit you might form this week that will strengthen your relationship with God?

* What is something in the current culture or your family or work environment that you can avoid that tends to draw you away from God?
* What keeps you from being regularly studying God’s Word? How can you make this a greater priority each day?