

Accountability questions for Elders

Elders' Away Day

Spiritual health

How is your walk with the Lord? How often and for how long are you in His Word and in prayer?

Do you pray as an elder - i.e. does your personal praying include the ministry and people of SP?

If you are in a 'dry' season in your private devotions - can you trace this back to any sin or disobedience in your life? (eg 1 Peter 3:7)

What encouragement have you recently received from God's word?

What answers to prayer have you recently seen?

What sins have you been recently battling in your life? To what end?

What sin do you most need to/are most afraid of confessing to us? To your wife?

Have you viewed any pornography recently?

What 'progress' are you making as a Christian? (1 Timothy 4:15)

Family life

Are you regularly praying/studying the Bible with your wife? When? For how long? Do you plan this or initiate this or does she?!

Do you lead your family devotions or does your wife? When? What is working for you in this season of life?

Are you reading the Bible with your children individually and regularly?

Do you enjoy spending time with your family? Do you protect this time? How much time do you spend each week? Are you emotionally 'present' with your family when you spend time with them?

Are you trying to pretend 'quality-time' is more valuable than quantity of time?

Are you finding one child more challenging than another? How are you handling this?

Marriage

How well would you/your wife say your marriage is going at the moment?

Is your wife your priority? Does your wife know that she is your priority? Does she experience that?

How much time do you have together without children or other interruptions each week?

Are you happy with your sex life? Is your wife?

Are there any significant points of disagreement with your wife at the moment?

Is there another woman in your life with whom you are more intimate than you should be?

Work

Are you happy with how much you are working at the moment? Is your wife?

If you are working too much, why are you doing that? What could you do to address that?

Do you have regular time away from work - days-off, holidays?

Health

How is your physical health? Are you protecting it? Is it an idol? Does it take up too much time?

Is your food consumption appropriate? Is your alcohol consumption appropriate?

How is your mental health? Are you protecting it?

Ministry

Are you evangelising anyone at the moment? How effective is that?

Are you using the gifts God has given you to serve your church family?

Are you neglecting the gifts that have been given to you (1 Timothy 4:14)?

Are you neglecting any areas of ministry that have been entrusted to you?

Does your wife or children feel that ministry has taken you from them?

What area of ministry are you proud of? What area of ministry are you most discouraged by?

Where do you need support and encouragement?

Money

Do you have any debt problems?

Are there any things that you spend money on that you wouldn't want anyone to know about?

Are you satisfied with your current income?

Are you being sacrificially generous or overly cautious in your giving?

Is money a source of tension or conflict for you or in your marriage?

Relationships

Is there anyone you are angry with at the moment? Or who is angry with you?

Is there anyone you need to forgive?

Is your relationship with your wider family and in-laws healthy?

Is gossip something you are currently engaging with? Have you slandered anyone recently?

Wrap Up

What are your dreams, what are your nightmares?

Have you lied about any of the above?