

# HOME MINISTRY

## FAMILY AND MINISTRY SERIES PART VI

*"ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath:  
but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."*

*~ Ephesians 6:4*

### 1. Home Ministry is Ministry at Home

- a. Ministry is beyond what happens at church when the preacher talks.
- b. Before you can minister outside the home you must minister in it – 1 Tim 3:5, 5:4, 5:14
- c. Hollow home ministry used to be "get the family to church on time"
- d. The real issue behind "problems at home" is a failure in personal application of doctrine
- e. Personal application occurs ... Christ needed most ... your first ministry happens at home
- f. Home ministry = service to the Lord you perform at home with those in your house

### 2. It is the Parent's Responsibility

- a. Home ministry is a ministry of parents – Eph 6:4, 2 Tim 1:5
- b. Homes are made and run by parents (not children) – Titus 1:6
- c. At home → where every husband is a "pastor", every wife a "pastor's wife"
- d. Children spend more days at home with parents in 10 yrs than 70 yrs of church meetings
  - i. 68% of "practicing Christians" say they become so before 12 ~Barna
  - ii. 57% of these say they were Christian at the time of birth (whaaat?)
  - iii. Majority of those whose faith is "passed down" are nominal Christians
- e. You are not their friend, their servant, their advisor, you are their governor – Gal 4:2
- f. You can't believe for them, but you choose how to rule your home - Josh24:15, 1Ti 1:5,
- g. You can't put your house in Christ; but if Christ dwells in you, he will dwell in your house.

### 3. Your Ministry at Home is of the Lord

- a. The focus of scripture is not "how to have a happy home", God's glory excels that.
- b. At home, who is it your responsibility to serve, whom do you love most?
  - i. Your service to Christ does not stop when you get home from church.
- c. The responsibility is not "realize their dreams", "nurture their talent", "a fun childhood", "school excellence", "reach their potential", "more successful (\$\$\$) than mom and dad"
- d. Their God given role models are not athletes, actors, celebrities – but you, Christ in you.
- e. You are allowed of God to be put in trust with a home – 1 Th 1:3, 2:3-12, 5:12-13
- f. Your responsibility is to the Lord → Eph 6:4, 1 Tim 4:1-6, Col 3:16, 2 Tim 3:10-15
- g. Where do your children think you're leading them? Better education, or better character?

### 4. The Rule of a Godly Home

- a. Not just "get 'em to church" – people at church may have ungodly homes, but failure to commit to church ministry shows unfaithfulness at home – 1 Tim 2:4, Eph4:16, Ro 12:5
- b. Bible laws dictated home service: sabbath, meals, holydays, doorposts, reading, marriage, teaching children, honoring parents, possessions, sicknesses, but Rom 6:14
  - i. The law was a curse and does not change the purpose of your heart.
- c. The rule of a godly home is to prioritize Christ in you, you in Christ – 1 Tim 3:16
  - i. Godliness in you = Christ in you. Gal 4:19, Col 1:27-28, 2 Cor 1:12
  - ii. When God's will is a personal priority, it becomes a marriage and family one
  - iii. Do they know how to grow, to know Christ in you, to live/joy/glory in the Lord?
  - iv. Teaching Christ to children does not sacrifice their childhood, it saves their life
- d. ~75% of families who feel a need to evangelize talk about God or faith weekly at home.
- e. Homes that are "too busy" for ministry need to focus on this one thing → Phil 3:13-14