

Manage His Household Well

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Introduction

I. Why is This Important?

- A. One of the significant analogies God uses to describe the New Testament Church is a _____.
- B. God has been family _____ from the beginning.
- C. God choose the family of _____ and descendants, through Sarah.
- D. So it is not unusual for the Christians to see themselves as an extended family.
- E. There are many similarities between managing a physical family and a spiritual family.

II. What is the Command?

- A. We need to unpack this carefully.
- B. He must _____ his household well.
“Manage” in Greek is *prohistemi*.
- C. He must keep his children under _____ with dignity.
- D. Are the children repressed?
- E. Is he an absentee father?
- F. What about rebellious children?
- G. Should a man wait until his children are grown to determine the outcome of his management abilities?

III. Is it Required That an Elder’s Children Must All be Saved?

- A. Excludes the Extremes
- B. One Interpretation: His children must be saved.
- C. Another translation is “faithful children.”

IV. Conclusion

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1. All of us have grown children and even grandchildren. You know how difficult raising children can be. Why do you think a man's family life is such an important consideration for identifying elders?
2. Why is this qualification so difficult to judge, so touchy?
3. It seems there is always some level of rebellion during the teen years. How does this fit into an elders' qualification?
4. Is it fair to judge a man's parenting by how his children behave?

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5. Is there a danger in having elders whose children are not old enough to determine how they are doing at managing their households?

6. What have you done to manage your own households well, to disciple your own family?