

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“I Expect Him to Manage His Household Well”

“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” - Pt. 3

1 Timothy 3:4-5 & Selected

“He (an overseer) must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?” 1 Timothy 3:4-5

The family is the testing center where Christian leadership ability is determined!

Misunderstandings of Pastoral Leadership and the Home -

- T / F** A minister is required to be married to serve in the church.
- T / F** A minister must have children to serve in the church.
- T / F** A minister’s wife is to be held to the same biblical standards of conduct as all other women in the church.
- T / F** A minister’s children are to be held to a higher standard than all other children in the church.
- T / F** A minister’s family should be perfect in public to not harm their father’s ministry in the church.
- T / F** A minister should resign if he cannot be 100% successful in managing his household.

A Minister Who Leads Effectively...

I. Understands that ministry begins at home.

“He must manage his own household well.” Vs. 4a

A Good Home Manager:

- **Loves his wife as Christ loved the church.**

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." Ephesians 5:25

"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." 1 Peter 3:7

- **Raises his children to lead obedient, respectful lives.**

"...with all dignity keeping his children submissive." Vs. 4b

"He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him." 1 Timothy 3:4 NLT

- Proper boundaries must be established.
- Proper discipline must be enforced.
- Proper love must be shown.
- Proper teaching must be accomplished.

"...and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination." Titus 1:6

- **Takes care of the physical upkeep of his home.**

- **Oversees the financial dealings of his home.**

II. Gives evidence he can lead well in God's church!

"For if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?" Vs. 5