

**“Managing His Household Well”, 1 Timothy 3:4–5  
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**Part 1 — The Meaning of Faithful Household Leadership**

**“He must manage his own household well...” (v.4)**

**A. The home as the man’s primary stewardship**

- Family valued above career, ministry success, or personal ambition
- Presence and involvement required
- The home marked by order, not chaos
- Moral clarity: right vs. wrong, good vs. evil

**B. Loving leadership in practice**

- Knows his family deeply
- Leads with love and protection
- Honors and understands his wife
- Keeps covenant vows sacred
- Teaches and models truth consistently

**Key principle:**

A qualified elder is already faithfully leading at home.

**Part 2 — The Structure of a God-Ordered Home**

**“...with all dignity keeping his children submissive” (v.4)**

**A. “Keeping” = holding fast to God’s established order**

- No subversion of God-given authority
- Father remains responsible leader
- Children not allowed to rule the home

**B. Dignified**

- Honor, purity, consistency
- Faithful, dependable, spiritually growing
- Home led by moral clarity, not fear

**Biblical foundation:**

- Adam’s failure = abdicated leadership
- Deuteronomy 6 — fathers teach and model devotion to the Lord

**Key principle:**

Eldership requires visible, God-ordered authority in the home.

**Part 3 — The Household as Preparation for Church Leadership**

**“...for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?” (v.5)**

**A. The stewardship principle**

- Family leadership tests and proves a man
- Marriage sanctifies character
- Parenting develops endurance and wisdom

**B. Parenting as training for shepherding**

- Discipline with clarity and consistency
- Consequences tied to choices

- Authority exercised with love
- Punishment fitting the offense

### **C. Parallel to church leadership**

An elder must:

- Lead
- Protect
- Guard doctrine
- Care for people
- Maintain order
- Discipline when necessary

#### **Key principle:**

The home is the proving ground for shepherding the church.

#### **Central Truth**

A man who faithfully leads, orders, and shepherds his home demonstrates the character and competence required to shepherd God's church.

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **1. Presence and Priority**

In what practical ways does your current life (work, ministry, hobbies, ambitions) reflect — or compete with — your devotion to your family? Where do you sense God inviting you to be more present?

#### **2. Order and Spiritual Tone of the Home**

How would someone who spends time in your home describe its spiritual atmosphere (peaceful, chaotic, loving, tense, ordered, neglected, etc.)? What contributes most to that environment?

#### **3. Leadership and Alignment**

If you are married: where are you and your spouse most aligned in parenting and spiritual direction, and where do you feel tension or inconsistency?

If single: what kind of household leadership patterns did you observe growing up, and how have they shaped you?

#### **4. Modeling Faith for the Next Generation**

What specific ways do your children (or those you influence) see your real relationship with God — not just what you say, but what you actually live? What do you most want them to learn from your example?

#### **5. Integrity Between Private and Public Life**

Where do you sense the greatest gap (if any) between who you are at home and who you are in public, church, or leadership settings? What would “managing your household well” look like for you in this season?