

**The Ministry and Family: Confluence or Conflict?**  
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TEXTS: 1 Tim 3; Eph 5:25–32; Col 3:19–21; 1 Pet 3:7

THEME: The Shepherd and His Family

PROPOSITION: We must understand the relationship of ministry and family in order to be effective in both.

INTRODUCTION: “Home is the seminary of all other institutions.” – E. H. CHAPIN

I. Reminders for every home.

A. Priority #1: Marriage matters.

B. Priority #2: Making disciples at home.

II. Realities for ministry homes

A. Flow #1: Family to Ministry

1. The potential obstacles

a. Disqualification

b. Distraction

c. Division

2. The potent opportunities

- a. Reality
- b. Relational dynamics
- c. Respect

B. Flow #2: Ministry to Family

1. The potential obstacles

- a. Disengagement
- b. Discouragement
- c. Distraction

2. The potent opportunities

- a. Faith in action
- b. “Family”
- c. Flexibility

Conclusion: The difference between “personage” and the person!