

**From My House To God's House:
How The Christian Home Affects The Church
Ephesians 2:11-22; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Ephesians 5:22-33**

- I. The Family Structure
 - A. The husband/father as head of home - order & authority
 - B. Wife as voluntarily submissive - order & respect/submission
 - C. Children as obedient – obedience
 - D. The home as a place of discipline
 - E. The home as a place of instruction
 - F. The home as a place of worship
 - G. The marriage as a lifelong commitment - faithfulness & perseverance
- II. What Happens To The Church When The Family Comes Short?
 - A. When husbands/fathers fall short – often produces a challenge to authority in the church
 - 1. Resistance to God's authority over His people
 - 2. Resistance to God's Word as the authority for faith, practice, & life
 - B. When wives fall short, it often challenges biblical submission in the church
 - 1. Submission of all believers to one another
 - 2. Submission of all believers to the truth
 - 3. Submission of all believers to the leadership of Christ
 - C. When obedience & discipline fall short, it often encourages rebellion & ungodliness in the Church

- 1. Place of doctrinal and moral accountability
 - 2. A place of discipline
 - a. Matthew 18:15-17
 - b. 1 Corinthians 5:4-13
- D. When instruction falls short in the home, the church often degenerates into a place of social development
 - 1. Disregard for truth & sound teaching
 - 2. Disregard for worship & prayer
 - 3. Disregard for the pursuit of holiness
 - 4. A preference toward entertainment
 - 5. A preference toward comfort
 - 6. A preference toward self-interest rather than sacrifice
- III. What Have Most Of Our Churches Become?
 - A. A place for social interaction, business connection, and community development
 - B. A place for free/cheap babysitting
 - C. A place for “me-first” entertainment (esp. youth/children)
 - D. A “tag-on” to the rest of life
 - E. A place to express our various “spiritual opinions” rather than standing firmly on God's plain truth