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## THE FAMILY OF GOD

1 Timothy 3:1-5:16

### Who We Are...

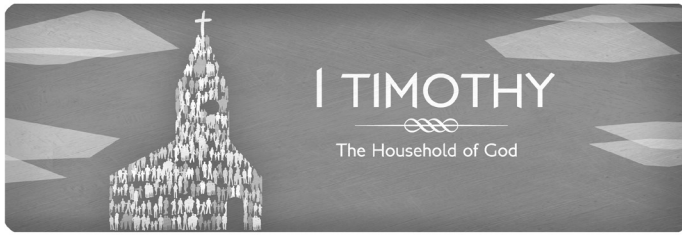
- The significance of the church...
  - We are the expression of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We are the inhabitation of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We are the guardians of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Preserving God's Word: We hold it \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Proclaiming God's Word: We hold it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The awe-inspiring reality: God dwells \_\_\_\_\_ us!
- The supremacy of Christ...
  - He reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness.
  - He displays the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
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    - Verified by the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Praised among the heavens.
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    - The Savior of all the world.
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### How We Are Led...

- \_\_\_\_\_: Servant leaders in the church.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ under the authority of Christ.
    - They are appointed by God.
    - They \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.
    - They are affirmed by the church.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of Christ.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ the character of Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Leading servants in the church.
  - Their lives exalt Christ.
  - Their leadership \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

### What We Do...

- We detect \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
  - The source...
    - \_\_\_\_\_ teachings.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ teachers.
      - We should not be surprised by them.
      - We should always be \_\_\_\_\_ by them.
  - The substance...
    - They deny the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - They distort the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- We declare \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
  - Teach with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Live with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Train for \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Work out your own salvation progressively and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Work hard for others' salvation locally and \_\_\_\_\_.



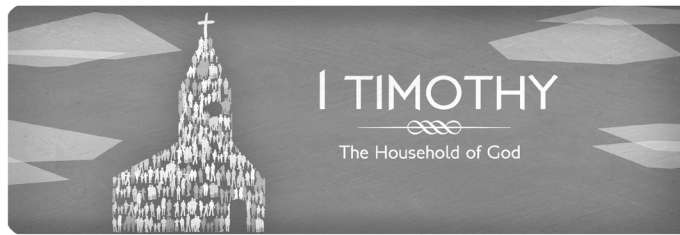
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### The Way We Live...

- We love each other like we are a \_\_\_\_\_.
- We care for those who have \_\_\_\_\_ family.
  - Honor destitute widows through \_\_\_\_\_.
    - They must be devoid of \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Relatives should support their parents and grandparents.
      - This pleases God.
      - This demonstrates your \_\_\_\_\_.
      - This relieves the church.
    - They must be dependent on God.
    - They must be devoted to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Enlist older widows for \_\_\_\_\_.
    - They must be \_\_\_\_\_ women.
    - They must have been faithful wives.
    - They must care for children.
    - They must be hospitable hosts.
    - They must be humble servants.
    - They must be unselfish.
    - They must be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Encourage younger widows to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - They must avoid laziness.
    - They must abhor \_\_\_\_\_.

### Why We Exist...

- To show what it means to have God as our \_\_\_\_\_.
- To say to the world that God is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Today...
    - We are a family on a \_\_\_\_\_ to every nation.
  - One day...
    - We will be a family with \_\_\_\_\_ from every nation.



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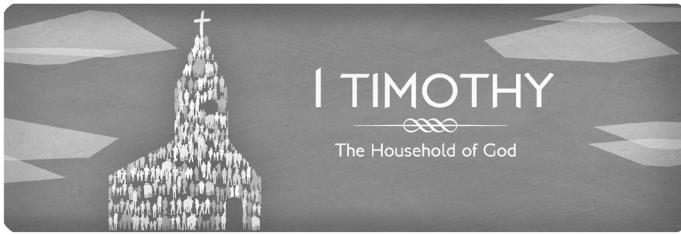
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### How We Are Led...

- Elders: Servant leaders in the church.
  - They lead under the authority of Christ.
    - They are appointed by God.
    - They aspire to serve.
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  - They shepherd the body of Christ.
  - They teach the Word of Christ.
  - They model the character of Christ.
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