

Family Church Ministries - Life and Ministry Development

Date:

01 Family

Objective: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of specific roles within the family as well as the household of God and developing wisdom toward godly living

Scriptural Guidance and Theological Readings

Biblical Passages

When reading the passages, take note to do two very important tasks: (1) read the passage with the purpose of determining the Author's/author's intended meaning, and (2) study the passage as it relates to the issues and questions proposed.

- Genesis 12:1-3, Acts 3:24-26
- 1 Tim 3:15
- Ephesians 5:21-6:4
- Colossians 3:18-21
- 1 Peter 3:1-7
- Titus 2:1-15

Theological Readings and Resources

1. "The Church as a Family" by Vern Poythress
2. "A Vision of Biblical Complementarity" by John Piper
3. <https://www.artofmanliness.com/articles/family-culture/>

Questions for Reflection/Discussion

How important are families to God? Why do you think Christ designed an individual household to function the way He did?

What might be the relationship of the household order of individual families to the household order of the family of families—the local church?

Personal Development Plan

My Story

Life Dimension Assessment

For this area of your life, complete an analysis for where you are at right now. What am I thankful for in this area?

What are some problems, frustrations, concerns or challenges in this area?

My Life Through the Decades

For every decade of your life up until now, record key events, people, experiences, challenges, and achievements for this area of your life.

0-10y:

10-20y:

20-30y:

30-40y:

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My Purpose

What role or roles do you currently have in this area? (ex. disciple, parent, student, etc). What responsibilities do you have that correspond with each of your roles? (with each role, include the approximate amount of time you spend every week in that role and responsibility)

Based on the *Objective* written at beginning of this document as a guide, create your own personal life purpose/mission statement for this dimension based on what you believe about your identity and purpose.

My Abilities

List your assets, strengths, talents, spiritual gifts and skills in this area or your life. Include those that are God-given, and those developed through life experience and study. An example in this area may be “ability to speak clearly in front of a large crowd, ability to lead worship and play an instrument, etc.”

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My Legacy (dreams, goals, and desires)

Write down your dreams, goals, and desires in this area of your life. Goals are dreams with a deadline. Desires are things that you don't have full control to accomplish (i.e. a loved one coming to Christ). You may include some dreams that have already come true or goals that have already been accomplished. Try and categorize them in terms of short (1-2yr), middle (3-10yr), or long (10+) term or legacy goals that will continue past your lifetime.

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My Strategy

Develop a plan of action that takes you from where you are to where you want to be. A good plan will involve the following:

1. Set your goals
2. identifying resources based on your assets and abilities (may include other's resources as well)
3. Identify the who, what, when, where, why, how
4. List specific steps and actions to do in the next 90 days
5. Monitor your progress and results

My Habits (disciplines, habits and routines)

Write down some habits and routines that you would like to develop to further align your life with Scriptural guidelines and move you toward your personal dreams, goals and desires and then categorize them based on frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly)

My Sources of Wisdom

Identify your primary sources of wisdom in this dimension (bible, educational materials, mentors, friends, books, news, social media, etc). Record specific bible verses related to this dimension. Who are some people whom you may know personally or may have written books regarding this dimension of my life? How can you engage those people to help further your growth and maturity? Update your habits and routines if needed to coincide with what that you plan to develop.