

Lesson 8 — A Bishop Then Must Be: Consider His Family Life

DEFINITIONS:

- **“Husband”**
- **“Faithful”**
- **“Dissipation”**
- **“Insubordination”**
- **“House”**

RULES HIS OWN HOUSE WELL

- How does he manage things at home?
- If his wife or kids or the affairs of his house are out of control, how well do you think he'll manage our congregation?

But if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?

Consider His Family Life

HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE

- Why must the bishop be a male? (Gen. 2:18; 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 11:3,7-9; 14:33-37; Eph. 5:22-24; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1-6)
- Is a man free to remarry if his wife dies (1 Cor. 7:39; Rom. 7:1-4)?
- How is the wife vital to the bishop's work?

FAITHFUL CHILDREN

- How many children? Does this word specify more than one child? (compare Matt. 22:24; Deut. 25:5; Luke 14:26; Eph. 6:1,4; 1 Tim. 5:4)
- What is meant by “faithful”? Faithful to their father or to God? (Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:11; 4:3; 5:16; 6:1)

Questions for thought

- What if his children leave home and fall away?
- Is he accountable for what his children do after they leave home? (compare 1 Sam. 3:13; 1 Kings 1:6; Ezek. 18:20)
- What if he has some children that are faithful and some that are not?
- Why is the reputation of his children so important to his work? (Gen. 34:30; Prov. 22:1)?