

Leadership Ministry doesn't start when you go on staff as concert director or when you get sent out to pioneer or take over... It actually starts in the home, NOW... **Q:** How are you leading your home?

1 Timothy 3:4 ESV He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive

I THE MISTAKE:

A- The mistake men can make is: *My ministry is separate from my family...*

1. That they don't have anything in harmony with each other...
 - a. The work and the will of God is one thing, and being a Husband and Father is totally different
 - i. This is a mistaken approach.
2. This mistake produces incorrect conclusions about Ministry and the Home.
 - a. My Family is holding me back: I could do so much more, be more effective, be great... BUT my wife, my kids-
 b. Time with Family is carnal: That its wrong... Why do you want a night with just us? Why do you hassle me over my 10 ministries? Why do you hate the things of God?! ... There's an imbalance and neglect, abandonment, loneliness
 c. My home is Selfish: The world is going to hell, and they want me around... They are so self focused!

B- In our Passage, Paul is teaching Timothy the qualifications of a Pastor;

1. Leadership is shaped in the home! **1 Timothy 3:4 ESV** He must manage his own household well (Rule/Lead)
 - a. That happens now: Not one day when you get sent out... Leadership is about **serving** and **investing** in RELATIONSHIP! Marriage/Kids... Security, Identity, Belonging!
 - b. It happens daily: Not sparse when your wife or kids reach a boiling point or because its February Marriage Seminar
2. Ministry & The Home are in harmony with one another/ they compliment one another/ They strengthen each other

II THE RESULTS:

A- The results of this mistaken approach is There is a LACK of LEADERSHIP in you

- a. If you have to say: IM IN CHARGE HERE... No you aren't!
- b. Actually will have painful results.

1. Your home will resent you: Your wife and kids will not be happy with you... They will resent you and your desire-
 - a. You can go wherever you want... I have seen good wives fear ministry, because their husband has put that in them
2. Your home will be hurt by you: The sum total of failures, setbacks, neglect, abandonment, loneliness hurts-
 - a. They follow or go along out of fear, guilt, or hope that something might eventually change...
 - b. Is your wife hurting? Are your kids hurting? Do you see the ways in which you may be hurting them?
3. You home will not follow you: Follow you in ministry, in life, in salvation... because you showed them what leadership is... and they don't see it correctly-
 - a. Its unreliable, its bipolar, its demanding, its thankless, its confusing, its lonely...

B- These results will hinder you from being able to move forward is what God has for you-

- 1 Timothy 3:4 ESV** He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive
 - a. This cannot be missing if you intend on moving forward in your calling... The home must be healed!

III HEALING THE HOME:

A- Healing the home will begin with:

1. Recognition: Recognizing that: Its up to me! (Husband & Father) I am responsible to lead my home-
 - a. **1 Timothy 3:4 ESV** He must manage his own household well... *This is on YOU*- Stop blaming others
2. Repentance: Repent to God, Your wife, Your kids... *I have not led well... but I desire to do right!*
3. Rebuilding: Maybe you have built on the misunderstandings... Turn to the word of God and build on His truths
 - a. Be the Husband and Father and Leader God call you to be!

B- From here you can begin to set a trajectory for Pastoral Leadership-

1. You know my home has moved with me 4 times: Leaving a secure secular job and future to be concert director, leaving Prescott to Santa Fe, leaving Santa Fe to Rochester, Leaving Rochester back to Prescott...
 - a. But all of that was formed in the discipleship and healing of leading the home... That's where it actually started-
 - b. But it required a HEALING in me, and in our home-