

Teaching #2 - THE CHURCH

How we conduct ourselves in the Household of God.

• I Timothy 3:15 "I am writing these things so that you will know how people **conduct themselves** in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and support of "the truth."

• **SIMPLE PURPOSES:** The family of God conducts itself so that the children of the family, those in the house and those outside the home, will: - Come to Christ and know the Father.

- Live happy and useful lives.
- End up in the Father's eternal home when this life is over.
- Establish God's Kingdom in our place.

• **CONDUCT** that promotes and enables these purposes includes:

- Keeping in mind what the family business is. -- Playing nice. Dealing with conflict.
- Being sure there is food in the house.
- Showing up for the family life.

• The **FAMILY BUSINESS** is: Bringing people to Jesus for salvation. Helping each other to have an abundant life. Growing up to be like Jesus. Hearing the Father and doing his words and works. Worshiping the Father.

• John 1:40 "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother, Simon, and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah.' Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus."

• **PLAYING NICE** so the family can work together. 2 Corinthians 12:20 "I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfishness, backstabbing, gossip, conceit, and disorderly behavior."

• **FOOD** in the house. That is, money for the family businesses.

• **SHOWING UP** for family life. Worship. Kinship. Activities with the family. The family is "there" for each other. Many hands make light work. Most of all it brings honor to God.