

• **KEY VERSE** • 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."

Questions: What conduct makes a church family happy?

What conduct makes a church family unhappy?

Conduct #1 The family shows LOVE to God and to people.

Matthew 22:37-39 "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Showing love to God means worship and imitating his holiness.

• Psalm 101 "I will sing of your love and justice. I will praise you, LORD, with songs. I will be careful to live a blameless life."

- 1- Love for God involves singing _____ to God, which is worship.
- 2- Love for God involves living a _____ life, which enables us to walk with him.

Showing love to people means: (1) Bringing them to Jesus for salvation. (2) Helping them have an abundant life.

• John 1:40-42 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of those men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus..... (John said - someone is here who is so great that I am not worthy to be his slave .. "Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John 1:27-29) The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother, Simon, and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ-God as anointed Savior). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, 'You are Simon, the son of John-but you will be called Cephas (which means Peter (rock))."

- 3- Andrew became a saved man because when he heard about Jesus he _____ him.
- 4- Andrew showed love to his brother. He _____ Simon to meet Jesus.
- 5- The Lord Jesus gave Simon a new _____, which was what he would become.
- 6- John 10:10 Jesus wants to give every person a _____ life on this earth.

Conduct #2 The Family warmly WELCOMES everyone.

People experience from the first day they stepped into the church that they were noticed, welcomed and invited into the social life of people in the church and activities of the church.

People experience that they **fit in**. "These are my people." They **experience friendship**. The people in this church want to know me and to share life with me.

-7- Jesus always welcomed everyone. He honored the least and the worst (from our point of view). Mark 10:13-16 When the disciples tried to stop children from coming to Him, what did the Lord say? _____

Conduct #3 The Family lives in PEACE.

-8- Psalm 133 "How wonderful it is, how pleasant when brothers live together in _____ for there the Lord commands _____, even life forever more."

-9- Philippians 2:2 We are encouraged to wholeheartedly _____ with each other, to _____ one another and _____ together with _____ heart and purpose.

-10- 2 Corinthians 12:20 What was Paul afraid that he would find in this church? I am afraid that I will find _____, jealousy, outbursts of _____, selfishness, _____, _____, conceit, and disorderly behavior."

-11- **Conflict** - When we are offended we do not complain about someone but take 3 steps. Matthew 18:15-17 "If another believer sins against you, (1) go _____ and point out their fault. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. (2) But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others _____ you. (3) If that person still refuses to listen, take your case to the _____ (leaders).

-12- **Leaders:** Hebrews 13:17 The responsibility of the spiritual fathers and mothers in the church family is to watch over the _____ of the people in the family.

-13- Mathew 20:26-28 A person becomes a leader in the church by being a _____.

Conduct #4 The Family GIVES.

-14- **Gift of Presence.** Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not _____ our meeting together, _____ as some people do, but _____ and warn each other... "

-15 - **Gift of Money.** I Corinthians 16:2 What are we to do on the first day of the week? _____

-16- **Gift of service.** I Corinthians 12:7 Who has been given a spiritual gift? _____

Conduct #5 The family is GROWING UP.

-17- Ephesians 4:13 "We will be _____ and full _____
in the Lord.

4:14 We will no longer be like _____.

4:15 But becoming more and more in every way like

_____.

What does this teaching say to you? _____