**1 Timothy**

Ruling your Own House Well

1 Timothy 3:4-5

Rules His Own House Well

1) to set or place before

1a) to set over

1b) to be over, to superintend, preside over

1c) to be a protector or guardian

1c1) to give aid

1d) to care for, give attention to

1d1) profess honest occupations

* LOVE PARENTING
  + - Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward. (Ps 127:3)
    - BE ENGAGED
* KNOW YOUR PURPOSE – TO TEACH & TRAIN
  + - 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deut 6:6-7)
    - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Prov 22:6)
    - And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 3:15)
    - CLEARLY COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS – REWARDS AND CONSEQUENCES
* LET MERCY & COMPASSION BE YOUR DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS, NOT JUDGMENT
  + - For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth. (Prov 3:12)
    - 22 *It is of* the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. (Lam 3:22-23)
    - And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph 6:4)
    - Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged. (Col 3:21)
* DON’T WORRY, TRUST THE LORD
  + - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Phil 4:6)
    - Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof. (Matt 6:34)