

Family is your first ministry

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Today's Passages: 1 Timothy 3:1-5, Mark 3:13-20, 4:33-36, 9:2-9

Another opportunity for divine reset during this pruning season:

Your family is your first _____.

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task...He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 1 Timothy 3:1-5

Does your family get your _____?

In the biblical worldview, "family (*oikos*)" is a broad term that would include multiple generations of blood relatives, close friends, maybe some extended family, all living in close proximity, partnering together for the family business. It was an extended family on mission.

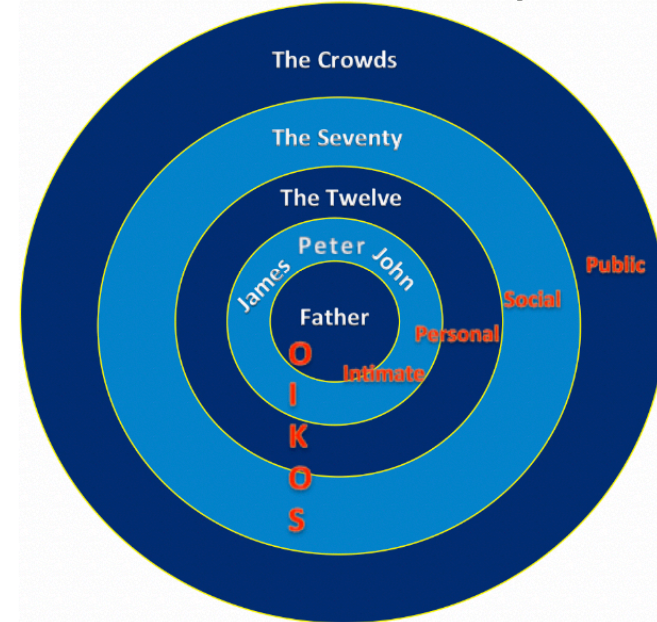
Jesus modeled this mindset of family powerfully.

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. He appointed the twelve...Then he went home (*oikos*).
Mark 3:13-14, 20

Even Jesus' first ministry was to his *oikos*.

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. Mark 4:33-34

Jesus' circles of "ministry"



If you have the desire to use your gifts and passions to serve God, that is a good thing! But Gods' words says to first get your house in _____.

God's word also gives you _____ to prioritize your home as your first ministry, so if you need to say NO to other good things, that's ok!

Responding to God...

Does your family get your best?

What other things vie for your attention and energy?

How are you at being aware of the "pulse" of your family?

Answers: ministry, best, order, permission