



The Church Supporting The Family



The Church & The Home²

- Two great institutions from God
- On these two institutions the hope of our nation rests
- They are different from each other and yet they are interrelated

The Church & The Home³

- How can the church have a beneficial influence on the home?





Through It's Leaders 4

- Elders to oversee the work and keep the church on track can have a big influence on the home
- Elders insure that truth is taught in the local congregation
- Gal. 1:6

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- I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:





By Following The Apostle's⁶ Teaching

- **Acts 2:42** “They continued steadfastly in the Apostle’s doctrine”
- **Scriptural worship**
- **Scriptural organization**
- **Scriptural work**
- **Heb. 10:24-25**

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- **And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**





By Providing For The Best⁸ In Bible Study

- The best teachers
- Bible centered curriculum
- **2 Tim.2:2**
- And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.



By Providing For The Best⁹ In Bible Study

- **Studies on how to become Christian**
- **Studies on Christian living**
- **Studies on the home and marriage**
- **Studies on MDR**



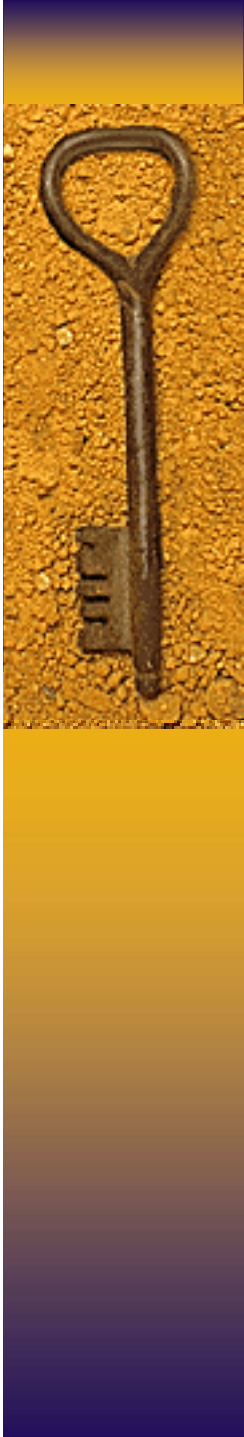
By Warning The Congregation About False Teachers and False Teaching

- **2 Pet. 2:1-3**
- **But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**



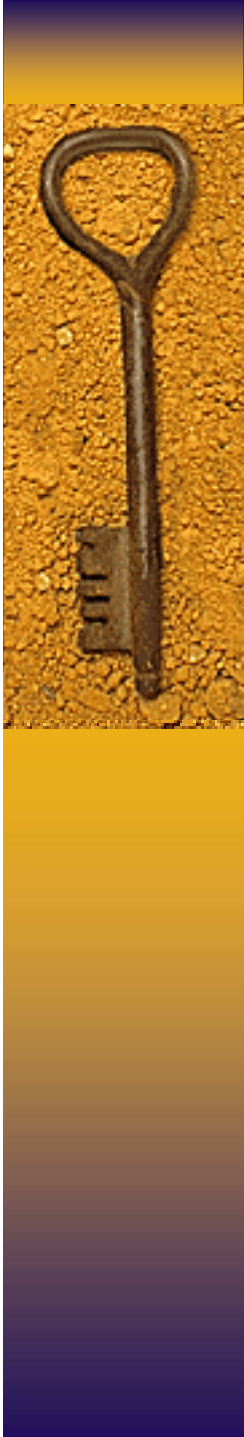
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- **And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.**



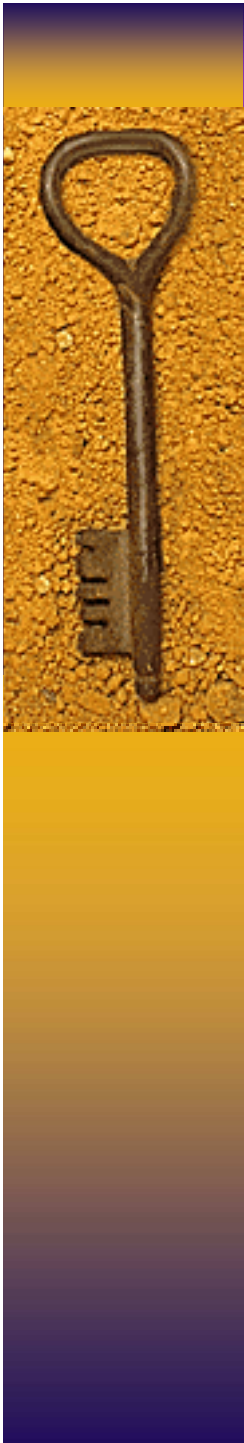
By Creating An Atmosphere Where Righteousness, Peace & Joy Are Found

- **Rom. 14:17**
- **For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**



By Creating An Atmosphere Where Righteousness, Peace & Joy Are Found

- **“The assembling together of the saints should be a place where brethren are focused on peace and edification.”**
- **Pursue things that make for peace, love and harmony**



By Creating An Atmosphere Where Righteousness, Peace & Joy Are Found

- **Avoid those things that cause division and strife**
- **Our assembling together should help us in our spiritual growth**

Practical Applications ¹⁵



- **1. There are many programs that would be nice but are not necessary**
- **We should strive to be strong with our without organized programs**

Practical Applications ¹⁶

- **2. In small congregations we can remain strong without an abundance of programs that might be found in a larger congregation**



Practical Applications ¹⁷



- **The true measure of a strong church is not in how many church activities one is involved in**
- **The true measure of spirituality is whether or not our lives reflect Christ to those around us**

Practical Applications ¹⁸



- **3. We must look deeply when trying to find a congregation to work with**
- **Children need to learn to relate to those outside their own age or peer group**
- **This is easier in smaller congregations**

Conclusion

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- **Whether the congregation is small or large does not matter**
- **The church should be a group of Christians who assemble together to worship—and then go out to serve one another and to minister to those in our community**



Conclusion

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- **The best insurance against broken homes, abused children, immorality, drunkenness, drug abuse, etc. is the creation of Christ-centered hearts and Christ-centered homes**



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