



SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH
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THE HOUSEHOLD

of God

EPHESIANS 2:19

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- ¹⁹ So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, **Ephesians 2:19 (HCSB)**
- ⁵² Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old." **Matthew 13:52 (NKJV)**

- ²⁵ It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the **master of the house** Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! **Matthew 10:25 (NKJV)**
- ⁵² So Jesus said to them, “That is why every student of the Scriptures who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a home owner. He brings new and old things out of his treasure chest.” **Matthew 13:52 (GW)**

INTRODUCTION

The composition of the household:

- The Master of the household = **oikodespotes**
- The members of the household = **oikiakos**
- The stewards of the household = **oikonomos**
- The law of the household = **oikonomia**

THE FUNCTIONING OF THE HOUSEHOLD

- **There can be only one master.**

¹³ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. ¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." **John 2:13-17 (NKJV)**

- **The members should imitate the master.**

⁵² So Jesus said to them, “That is why every student of the Scriptures who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a home owner. He brings new and old things out of his treasure chest.”

Matthew 13:52 (GW)

- **Every member should become a steward.**

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)**

- **Every steward should be faithful.**

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NKJV)

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

- Faithfulness has two components:
 - Doing exactly as required.
 - Continuing until told otherwise.

- **Every steward should be wise.**
- ⁴² And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?
⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. **Luke 12:42-43 (NKJV)**
- ⁴² The Lord asked, “Who, then, is the faithful, skilled manager that the master will put in charge of giving the other servants their share of food at the right time? **GW**

THE LAW OF THE HOUSEHOLD

- **THE LAW IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL**

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 (WEY)

If I go on preaching the Good News, that is nothing for me to boast of; for the necessity is imposed upon me; and alas for me, if I fail to preach it!

And if I preach willingly, I receive my wages; but if against my will, a stewardship has nevertheless been entrusted to me.

- **THE LAW OF PROMOTING GRACE**

- **Ephesians 3:2 (NASB)**

if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

- **SAVING GRACE**

- **Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV** ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- **STRENGTHENING GRACE**

- **Acts 20:32 NIV** Now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

- **SANCTIFYING GRACE**

Titus 2:11-12 NIV For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

- **SERVING GRACE**

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 NIV ¹⁰ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

- **THE LAW OF PRESERVING TRUTH**

1 Timothy 1:3-4 (WEY)

When I was on my journey to Macedonia I begged you to remain on in Ephesus that you might remonstrate with certain persons because of their erroneous teaching and the attention they bestow on mere fables and endless pedigrees, such as lead to controversy rather than to a true stewardship for God, which only exists where there is faith. And I make the same request now.