

I. Review:

- A. What is a house?
- B. Bedroom
- C. Hearth
- D. Dining Room
- E. Workshop

II. The purpose of the house (WCF 24.2)

- A. Mutual help (Gen. 2:18)
- B. Increase of mankind (Gen. 1:28)
- C. Increase of church (2 Chron. 31:18; Mk. 10:13-16)
- D. Preventing uncleanness (Heb. 13:4)

III. The house and the church (WCF 25.2-3)

- A. The house is included in the church (2 Chron. 31:18; Mk. 10:13-16; Acts 16:25-34; 1 Cor. 7:12-16)
- B. The Church's offensive FOB (Gen. 35:1-4; Josh. 24:15; Proverbs; Acts 10:23-33; 20:20; 28:30-31; Eph. 6:4; 1 Pt. 3:1-2)
- C. The Church's defensive FOB (Num. 25; 2 Sam 11-15; 1 Tim. 5:11-15; 2 Tim. 3:6; Ti. 1:9-11; Heb. 13:1-4; 2 Jn. 10)
- D. A ministry model for RPs!

Westminster Confession of Faith 24.2

Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife, for the increase of mankind with a legitimate issue, and of the Church with an holy seed; and for preventing of uncleanness.

Westminster Confession of Faith 25.2-3

The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the Gospel (not confined to one nation as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

Unto this catholic visible Church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world; and doth by His own presence and Spirit, according to His promise, make them effectual thereunto.

Westminster Larger Catechism 129

It is required of superiors, according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love, pray for, and bless their inferiors; to instruct, counsel and admonish them; countenancing, commending, and rewarding such as do well; and discountenancing, reprovng, and chastising such as do ill; protecting, and providing for them all things necessary for soul and body: and, by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God, honor to themselves, and so to preserve that authority which God hath put upon them.