"A CERTAIN MAN **PLANTED A** VINEYARD, LEASED IT TO VINEDRESSERS, AND WENT INTO A **FAR COUNTRY FOR A LONG TIME**"



Luke 20:9

Things to remember regarding the vineyard of the "Family"



# 1. THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP AND ITS PURPOSE

- The church conveys the meaning through the crowning ceremony:
  - The new church
  - The kingdom of God
  - The anointed ones (the prophets)



## 2. FRUITS ARE EXPECTED FROM THE VINEYARD

- The "reasonable service" is the first fruit expected
- A resting place for the Lord where His commandments are honored
- A torch of light in the middle of a dark world (Noah's family)
- Children who magnify God and serve as His witnesses



#### 3. THE ORDER IN THE VINEYARD AND WHAT IS NEEDED TO FUNCTION

- The man is the head (and it is his responsibility to become a wise and loving one)
- The woman is his helpmate (and it is her responsibility to know how)
- The children and their obedience to their parents



### 4. THERE IS ONLY ONE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD

- God's commandments should rule the house and become the sole reference for the family's actions
- Parents are to guide and raise their children; they do not own them



### 5. FAITHFULNESS IN HANDLING THE VINEYARD

- How do we belong to our families?
- What do I want and what is best for my family? "Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you" (Philippians 1:24)
- How much am I mindful of my duties versus my rights?
- The commitment to the family



#### 6. WISDOM NEEDED FOR THE VINEYARD TO PROSPER

- No fruits in the absence of peace
- To learn and to ask for counsel is crucial to the safety of the vineyard
- The freedom of the decisionmaker
- The realistic expectations

