

# Distinctly Christian Parenting Part 3

Ephesians 6:1-4  
Message

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Recognize loss of focus on Christ's church in overly restrictive parenting models

Return parenting back to the Bible and back to Christ

# Family Integrated Church

- ...exalts the family to an unbiblical position
- ...is opposed to what they call “age-segregated” ministries
- ...philosophy, not the elders, determines what ministries the church offers
- ...diminishes the church of Jesus Christ



# Family Integrated - Consumer Mentality

“To systematically and holistically define and organize the church around biological families is to put the church at the service of yet another customer and to insist that it provide what that customer needs. We’ve simply traded the individual religious consumer for a collective”

Michael Lawrence , (*“Book Review: Family Driven Faith by Voddie Baucham”*, [www.9Marks.org](http://www.9Marks.org))

The human family is not Jesus' ultimate concern

Mt 10:34-37; Mk 10:28-30

Biblical Response to Family  
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God's program revolves around Christ's church, not the family

**Training** - Parents (Eph 6:4); Church (2 Tim 3:16)

**Admonition** - Parents (Eph 6:4); Church (1 Cor 10:11)

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While the Christian family can have impact that  
is eternal, Christ and His church ARE eternal



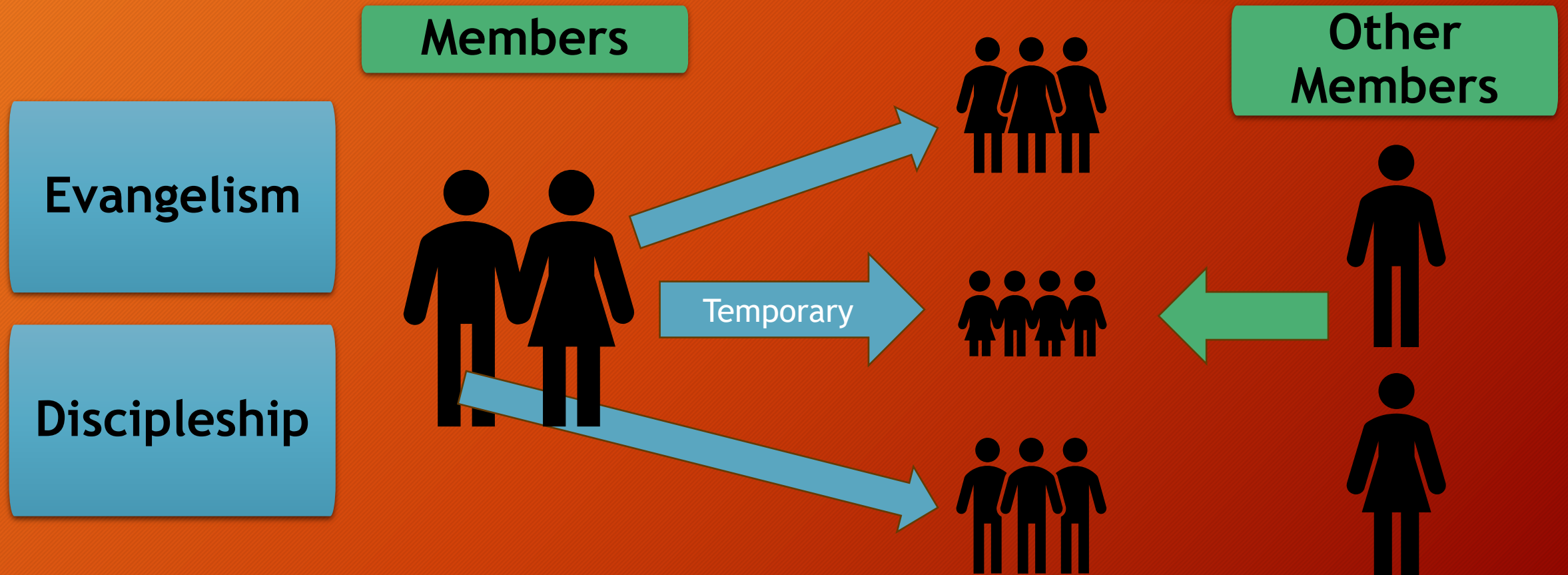
The Bible allows for aged-based ministries

Multiple teachers (Ps 119:99; Prov 5:13; Lk 2:46)

Different learning levels (Eph 4:12-16; Heb 5:11-14; 1 Jn 2:12-14; Titus 2)

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# Ministries of the Church



Christ has gifted members of His churches  
to minister to all ages within those churches

Eph 4:7-16

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