

comes immediately to mind, ask God to show you the right person, and work on establishing that relationship.

APPLYING CHAPTER 9

If you are married, discuss this chapter and these questions with your spouse, and any children who are old enough to have input. Listen carefully. Pray about anything new or unexpected.

If you are not married, apply these questions to others who live with you, or to your future situation if you hope to some day get married.

1. What do you think your spouse's role in your church should be? Write a description.
2. What do you think your children's roles in your church should be? Write a description.
3. Talk with your spouse.
 - a. How does your spouse see their role in the church?
 - b. How do each of you think the congregation sees your spouse's role?
 - c. Share what you wrote about how you see your spouse's role.
 - d. Where do these expectations differ?
 - e. How will you resolve these differences?
4. What intentional steps are you and your spouse taking to regularly deepen and enrich your relationship? Is that working, or is something else needed?
5. Talk with your children. Be sure to encourage each child to respond honestly and openly.
 - a. How does each child see their role in the church?
 - b. How do you think the congregation sees your children's roles?

- c. Share what you wrote about how you see your children’s roles.
 - d. Where do these expectations differ?
 - e. How will you resolve these differences?
6. What intentional steps are you taking to regularly deepen and enrich your relationship with each of your children? Is that working, or is something else needed?
7. When the needs of your church seem to conflict with the needs of your family, what steps do you take to resolve that conflict?
8. How do you make sure your home remains a spiritual sanctuary for you and your family?
9. Think about “A Letter from My Wife” in this chapter.
- a. Did any part especially speak to your spouse?
 - b. Did any part especially speak to you?
 - c. Discuss these responses with each other.

APPLYING CHAPTER 10

1. If you are part of a denomination or association of churches:
 - a. What is the process by which a pastor comes to serve a church?
 - b. What is the process by which a pastor comes to stop serving a church?
 - c. Do you believe that is a Biblical way to do it? Explain.

2. If the time ever comes when you feel that perhaps you should leave your current church for any reason, what will you do to make sure you are correctly hearing from God?
 - a. List the steps you will take to confirm that you are hearing God accurately.
 - b. List the people you will consult.